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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

PLANS FOR THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL BUILDING

NATIONAL MONUMENT TO THE NEGRO

Stock Selling at Ten Dollars Per Share—Public Schools Opened With Good Attendance—Emmett J. Scott's Report Ready

Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 22.—The Lincoln Memorial Company's $400,000 office building and theater, for the accommodation of the professional and business Negroes of Washington, is on the way.

An important meeting of the officers, directors and members of the advisory board was held Friday evening at the headquarters of the Lincoln Company, 494 Louisiona avenue, and2 many matters were discussed looking to an early groundbreaking. The plans, practically completed, were exhibited by Architect W. Sidney Pittman, and gone over carefully. All pronounced the structure a handsome one and the evident progress made generated renewed enthusiasm among the stockholders who viewed them.

The site is to be in the heart of the business section of the capital, and the building will rise seven stories. The material will be of the very best character, including stone, brick and terra cotta, reinforced by a steel frame, making the structure fire proof and modern in every particular. Besides the sixty- office rooms there will be a theater arranged to seat 2,500 persons and a roof-garden that will accommodate even a larger number. The charter is issued under the laws of tht State of Delaware, and the officers in charge of the management of the company's affairs are all men of unimpeachable integrity, each of whom has made a success in business along his own individual line.

Not only is the project apporved by the progressive colored people of Washington, but applications for stock are being received daily from some of the most substantial moneyed men from every section of the land, eager to secure the same while shares remain at the low rate of $10 per share. The shrewdest capitalists of both races between the oceans pronounce this movement "a national monument to the thrift, industry and enterprise of the Negroes of America," saying it will fill a long-felt want and prove to be an absolutely safe investment.

The very elaborate and comprehensive prospectus sets forth in luminous form the exact amount of revenue that the building is likely to produce, and it is estimated that under average conditions the dividends earned annually will equal not less than 20 per cent. on the total capitalization. Washington has but one office building of any consequence owned by Negroes, and the colored people aret restricted to the galleries of the seven theaters run by the whites in the city. The Lincoln offers elegant quarters to the tasteful colored lawyers, doctors, dentists and various business enterprises now begging for suitable places in which to carry on their work, and will render available an inviting home for dramatic and musical art, affording a much-needed amusement center for the proscribed 97,483 Negroes of the national capital, to whom it will appeal for patronage.

Four hundred thousand dollars, at first glance, sounds like a "sight of money," but when the apparently enormous burden is divided into small $10 lumps, it will require only 40,000 of the 10,000,000 Negroes in the entire country to carry it on to the goal. All of the money will not be needed at once. When a goodly amount is raised, operations can be commenced, and when the house is completed, while the payments are coming in, it will begin at once to draw revenues that will soon bridge the gap between the company and its $400,000 obligation. Although the stock is being sold with gratifying rapidity, in order to expedite the disposal of the remainder, it has been decided to place a number of active agents in the field to arouse the people in the several states and to enlarge the sphere of the corporation's influences, as it is desired to make the enterprise truly national.

The officers of the Lincoln Memorial Building Company are: W. Sidney Pittman, president; William A. oBwie, secretary; Dr. C. H. Marshall, treasurer; George F. Collins, counsel. The directors are S. H. Bolling, W. A. Bowie, G. F. Collins, J. L. Forbes, Dr. C. H. Marshall, G. W. Robinson, L. H. Singleton, Samuel W. Rutherford, J. W. Lewis and Dr. S. G. Elbert. The advisory board, of which G. W. Robinson is chairman, includes Dr. W. L. Board, John C. Dancy, Henry Forrest, R. W. Thompson, Dr. J. W. Morse, Robert Mattingly, Zeph P. Moore, Dr. W. W. Jones, W. H. Watts, J. Henry Lewis, F. A. Roman, J. N. Lawson, Thomas L. Jones and B. F. Hailstorks, all of Washington, D. C.; R. E. Frazier, Pittsburg, Pa.; L. R. Henderson, Hampton, Va.; R. H. Merchant, Lynburg, Va.; E. W. Pearson, Ashville, N. C., and J. W. Nimrocks, Meridian, Miss.

The A. C. Deltwyn Company, one of the largest brokerage firms of New York and Washington, composed of wide-awake white men, with Mr. F. Clay Harley in charge of the local direction, has been retained by the company as its financial representatives. They are experienced in this line of work and will see that the stock is advantageously placed. The success of the Lincoln Company will be an eye-opener for the colored people all over the country and will go far to establish confidence in the Negro's ability to make himself a factor in the world of fiance and business. In standing by this meritorious corporation the colored people of the country are standing by their own interests.

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Some critics who do not know what they are talking about are trying to find fault with the personnel of the officers of the National Negro Press Association, organized at Louisville, as an affiliated body of the National Negro Business League. The convention was made up of representative editors, publishers, corespondents and magazine writers, and the ground was gone over with great care to avoid criticism that might have weight with thinking people. The selections for officers and members of the executive committee were made for reasons satisfactory to themselves. They will go on with the work before them, following out plans that are now being framed, and will be responsible for their stewardship to the association at the annual meeting next August. There is neither rhyme nor reason in wasting valuable time in answering the peevish complaints of chronic mischief-makers, professional growlers and disappointed would-be leaders, who are neither members of the National Negro Press Association nor the National Negro Business League, and who have spent the better portion of their checkered career in journalism (?) in puerile efforts to tear down the work for which the National League and its honored president stand. The Press Association can not pay any attention to kickers.

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Dr. Booker T. Washington's "Story of the Negro," now running as a serial in "The Otulook," grows in interest and all Washington is following it with increasing enjoyment and profit. Some of the observations of the author are epigrams of the highest quality, and many of them are philosophical, tinged with characteristic humor. Speaking of some of the curious criticisms that different sorts of people pass upon the Negro, Dr. Washington says:

"A southern white man may tell you, with the utmost positiveness, that he never knew a single Negro who would not steal—except one. Every white may knows one Negro who is all right—a model of honesty, industry and thrift—and, if he tries to remember, he will think of other Negroes in whom he has the greatest confidence and for whom he has a genuine respect. Considering that there are a good many more white people in the South than there are Negroes, it seems to follow logically that, in spite of what one hears about the Negro in general, there are a good many individual Negroes who are pretty well thought of by their white neighbors.

The article from which this is taken is the first of a series of six articles now appearing in Dr. Lyman Abbott's paper, all of which are chapters from a history of the Negro by Booker T. Washington, which is soon to be published by Doubleday, Page & Co., of New York.

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Mr. William L. Houston, the energetic Grand Master of the G. U. O. of F., spent the week here with is family, following a lengthy tour of the East and South, where he has been making his annual visitation of the District Grand Lodges. From Cape Cod to the Gulf he saw gratifying evidences of prosperity upon all sides. "Not only are the lodges growing in membership," said he, "but the quality of the men who are allying themselves with the order is of a superior type—men of business ability, organizing capacity and of reliable character. The local lodges are getting their affairs in such systematic shape that a glance at their books is sufficient to tell the exact story of their financial and general condition. This was not so common a few years ago. The order now numbers over 400,000—making the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows the strongest fraternal society of Negroes in the world."

"And," continued the Grand Master, "we are not confining our attention to 'taking care of the sick and burying the dead,' as in ye olden time—commendable as that duty is in the hour of necessity. The order is encouraging its members to invest their money in live business enterprises, to buy homes and to acquire landed holdings for the future and to get the habit of having a bank acount. Co-operative stores for the accommodation of members of the order and their friends will yet come, and we shall be able to lower the enormous cost of living by purchasing supplies for communities at wholesale rates and selling to our folks at practical the cost price. eW shall get to this beneficial policy by and by, and make the order of more and more commercial value to its members. Wherever we can, the lodges are encouraged to own their buildings and keep the thousands of dollars paid for rentals in the hands of the race. Any city in which we have any respectable following a hall worth from $3,000 to $10,000 can be erected and paid for in a few years, and in large cities costlier structures would be paying investments.

"The next meeting of the B. M. C. will be held in the sospitable city of Baltimore. There will be at least 1,500 delegates in attendance, which, with the visitors who are usually attracted by the convention, will bring the attendance up to 5,000. I have every reason to believe that the Baltimore meeting will be the best in our history, for the committee is going at things in a vigorous fashion and the lodges in the country at large are exhibiting a deeper interest than ever before in the internal workings of the organization. They will come to the B. M. C. to have a voice in making the laws by which they are governed. Hon. Harry S. Cummings, aBltimore's well-known leader, is at the head of the committee on arrangements. This is, in itself, a guarantee that the work will be thoroughly done."

Mr. Houston is succeeding admirably in the practice of law in Chicago, in partnership with the veteran E. H. Morris, and is in love with the city and with his labors at the bar. He sees vast opportunities and will not be slow to take advantage of them in the hustling Middle West. He has yet to regret separating himself from a government desk, and is of the opinion that a man of action is better off in the world of business and professional life than in official routine life at Washington. His example is one that other's could follow with profit to themselves and to posterity.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

The public schools opened Monday, with an attendance of colored pupils numbering over 15,000.

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Mr. Emmett J. Scott, United States Commissioner to Liberia, was in the city this week, and with his two associates, completed the report they are to lay before the President and the State Department. Hr. Scott has gone to New York to join Dr. Booker T. Washington.

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The Stork visited the home of Prof. and Mrs. Roscoe Conkling Bruce Monday morning and left a bouncing boy. "Everybody happy."

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Prof. E. E. Williams, of Cleveland, Ohio, made his first appearance at the building Monday morning and was cordially received.

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Former Registrar of the Treasury J. W. Lyons has re-located at his old home in Augusta, Ga., where he will practice law.

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Dr. Roscoe Conkling Wormley has hung out his shingle at 1922 Eleventh Street, N. W., and opened a first-class establishment. He has been appointed assistant demonstrator in dentistry at Howard University.

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Registrar W. T. Vernon has gone west on a lecturing tour and to inspect the condition of his school, the Western University, at Quindaro, Kans.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Hurst was banquetted Tuesday night at Metropolitan A. M. E. church.

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Explorer "Matt" Henson is to be given a grand reception by the colored citizens, when he lands in New York. He is a Washington boy and will be given the gladdest of hands when he reaches the capital.

THE SNARE.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

W. L. Johnson, of Cobalt, Ontario, prize fighter and foot runner, stopped over in the city a few days on his way to the coast.....A. Bradshaw, of Sapulpa, Okla., arrived in the city last week with his family and will no doubt make Edmonton his home. Mr. Bradshaw is the oldest son of J. P. Bradshaw.....Van Brown, of St. Paul, was in the city last week and made a call on THE FREEMAN correspondent.....Z. W. Mitchell left with Mr. Proctor for Ponoka, where Mr. Proctor will take charge of a 320-acre farm owned by Mr. Mitchell and used as an industrial neucleus for the Loyal Legion of Labor. Mr. Mitchell also made a business trip to Crossfield, staying about ten days. .....Albert Greenlaw, by far the best basso singer in the Canadian west, was heard by a large and appreciaive audience Thursday evening, Sept. 16th, in the concert recital given by the First Baptist church. Mr. Greenlaw was assisted by local white talent. Among the ten pieces he sang were: "Bedouin Love Song," "The Last Appeal," "Thy Sentinel Am I," "Song of Thanksgiving" and "Go to Sea," which all brought loud and prolonged applause. The spontaneous outbursts of applause compelled Mr. Greenlaw to respond to several encores. This is Mr. Greenlaw's second appearance here and should he appear again he will be received with a much larger audience. Mr. Greenlaw is from Fiske University and has charge of the choir in the Baptist church of Regina. .....Meetings are being held from time to time with regards to organizing the Masonic lodge here and it is hoped that by next writing that it will be well under way.....A large attendance was at the meeting of the Loyal Legion last Sunday, when a couple of co-operative workers addressed the meeting.....Leave all news matter, advertisements, subscriptions, changes of address, or any complaint of not receiving THE FREEMAN, etc., with Clifford C. Mitchell, the Edmonton correspondent. Call 240 Jasper avenue East, 'Phone 1637, or address P. O. Box 845. THE FREEMAN correspondent would like to hear from all persons interested in this country.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. James, 221 St. Anthony avenue, has been quite ill with infantile paralysis..... President William Taft delivered an address at the Auditorium on Sept. 18th, after which a grand reception was tendered him. Mr. J. Q. Adams and Mr. W. H. Parker were the only two Negroes who were invited to serve on the reception committee.....The Emporium Department Store refused to serve Negroes in their elegant "tea rooms," until they were threatened with a law suit. Then they were served in a very unsaisfacorty manner. .....Mrs. Lillian A. Turner, Mrs. Mary Hatcher, Mrs. Josephine Bond, Mrs. Lindsay and others left Tuesday for Duluth, Minn., to attend the annual meeting of the Afro-American Women's Federation.....Mr. Sylvester Bellesene, Jr., and Harry Vassar are the only two young St. Paul boys to take claims in Canada. They report good crops and good wages for harvesters. This should be an incentive for other young Negro men.....Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Carter and Mrs. Birdie High are in Cincinnati attending the National Conve ntion.....Mrs. W. B. Elliott is building a new store building on her valuable property on W. University avenue. Mr. G. H. Evans is the architect.....Mr. W. E. Mitchell has purchased the handsome residence just west of St. James A. M. E. church.....The son of J. W. Kennedy was run over by an automobile on Rondo street, and received a few bruises. .....Get THE FREEMAN each week from Henry Crawford.

WASHINGTON, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the famous elocutionist and dramatic impersonator, gave a fine exhibition at St. Paul A. M. E. Church last Friday evening. A large audience greeted her. She was assisted by the following local talent: Mrs. Amie Miller, Mrs. Ella Minor, Miss Gretta Minor, Mr. Thomas Wheeler and Mr. Norton Minor.....Mr. Wm. Johnson is a patient at the Washington Hospital.....Dr. Thos. Jones has returned home after attending the hysicians convention and several points East.....The Jolly Four reception was a grand sucess and was well attended by a number of out-of-town friends. .....Mr. Fred Johnson is home after spending several days at Cleveland and the lakes.....Emmett Graves is a patient at the Washington Hospital.....An all-day service which was held at the Nazreth Baptist Church was largely attended. A special program was rendered and a large crowd from Rev. Brown church of Pittsburg attended.....Theodore Denison, an employe of I. E. Asbury's barber shop, is sick of the typhoid fever at the City Hospital.....The many friends of Rev. J. M. Moses regrets very much to hear of his leaving. He has accepted a charge in Harrisburg, and expects to make his home there.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

St. Peters and Wesley Chapel will have a carnival lasting six days, beginning the 20th of September.....The Ladies of the G. A. R. will entertain the public this evening..... The city public school opened with over nine hundred pupils.....Mrs. Melissa Pincham has returned from Memphis, Tenn.....Miss Beauty Williams has returned to Guthrie, Ky.....Mrs. J. W. Milan had a pleasant trip to Cedar Hill, Tenn.....Mr. Lawrence Smith has gone to Xenia, O., to resume his studies. .....Mr. Hart Hoosier, of Brooks street, died Sunday evening. He leaves a wife and two children.....Mr. Chas. Sumners is quite ill. .....Mr. Sam Steele is again confined to his bed.

MINEOLA, TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Mineola bottling works has removed on Johnson street near the National bank. .....S. G. Bromberg's store will be closed the 25th on account of a holiday.....There will be a U. S. Mail route on the Mineola & Van Zandt road soon.....Mrs. Ada Thompson has opened a restaurant and everything is in good shape.....John McGee will gather fifteen bales of cotton this year.....There are not many hogs in this part of the country, so pork chops cost 15 cents per pound, cotton seed 30 cents per bushel.....Miss Bessie Carter is doing well.

EVENTS AT THE FALLS CITY

THE NEW NEGRO WILL BE KNOWN IN POLITICS

OLD TIME WARD HEELER LOSING OUT

Fight is Four Cornered—Death of Bishop McCloskey—Rev. Ferguson Will Address People's Literary at Little Rock.

By CARY B. LEWIS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 22.—There is no doubt that the colored politicians and ward heelers around the Tenth ward have been running things for the past twenty-five years and that their influence has been far-reaching. They must remember that there is a new Negro who is on the stage of action. He reads much, thinks about the welfare of his race, studies civil and economic questions and is full of civic pride.

He wants a man's chance to live and work, be it for the city or any one else. They refuse to be led by curbstone politicians. He looks forward to the protection of his home, better streets, better schools, clean administrations, honest public officials and votes for the same thing that any other intelligent race votes for.

As a taxpayer, he weighs local questions upon its merits and then decides which way he shall cast his vote. While there is speaking here and there every night, this class of Negroes are in their homes and in their clubs, discussing the relative merits of the men and platforms that are now asking the people of the city for their right of suffrage.

While some of the white leaders may think that they have most of the Negro votes, there is a large number still that is unpurchasable, that is going to the polls and vote according to his conscience and not because they belong to any "vote getting" club, controlled by some ward-heeler who is a member of some fraternal order.

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Rube Foster and his crack baseball team came here Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Clark of this ciy, attended the Lexington Fair.

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Mr. and Mrs James Berry and W. H. Ford were among the visitors at the Lexington Fair.

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Miss Carolyne Stewart, a teacher at the State University, was th eguest of Miss Clay Webb, at Lexington, Ky., last week.

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Miss Lydia Branch, a teacher at the Central High School, has been detained at home on account of nervous prostration.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Yancy of this city attended the Lexington Fair and were guests at all the social functions during the week.

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Miss Hattie Harris and Hugh West will be married the Thursday night of this week at the Catholic church, Fourteenth and Broadway.

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Miss Carrie B. Smith, of 505 West Fifty-fourth street, Chicago, Ill., is in the city the guest of Mrs. Ella Cross, 1120 West Madison street.

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Miss Josephine Davis, a graduate of the Central High School and Fisk University has been appointed teacher at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Simms has returned to their home in Shelbyville, Ky., after paying a visit to the aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Plummer Lewis.

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Most of the Baptist ministers and delegates to the National Baptist Convention have returned to the city. They report an excellent meeting at Columbus, O.

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Master Earnest Cross sustained serious injuries Monday on West Chestnut street by falling from a wagon. The youngster is a student at the Western School.

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The First Annual Fair Hop to be given in this city on Saturday night, Sept. 25, at Odd Fellows' Hall, is expected to be attended by a large number of people.

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Mrs. Lillian Brannon has been retained at the Masonic Theater this season. She is one of the best informed persons in the city on the high shows that visit Louisville.

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Mr. Ed. Woods, one of the oldest citizens of the city, passed away this week. He was at one time principal of the California School and later a revenue agent for the United States Government.

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Miss Nellie Hughes has been selected as principal of the Wilson street high school. Miss Hughes is a graduate of the Central High and Normal school and is a most deserving young girl.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Piper, of Hot Sprinks, Ark., are in the city and are stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dill, on West Chestnut street. Mr. Piper will be at The Seelback all the winter.

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Messrs. John T. Clark and T. H. Blue, members of the Reading Room Committee at the Y. M. C. A., have installed racks for the various Negro race journals. They make a very pleasing appearance and are just what has been needed.

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W. H. Parker, associate editor of the Columbian, is writing much for the Grinstead ticket during the present campaign. He is also making stump speeches. We predict that Mr. Parker will be elevated if the present mayor is re-elected.

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Misses Georgia A. Lattimore, Mary V. Hicks, Miss Hughes and Mrs. Thompson were in Lexington, Ky., last week attend-

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Colored Orphan's Home!

Property Given By Troy Porter For New Institution at Paris, Ill.

For some years the colored people of Illinois have felt the need of a home for the friendless, homeless and orphan children of the State. Many have been the efforts to secure such a home. It has been contemplated by lodges, churches and societies of various kinds. There are many thousands of little helpless children throughout the state and country whose condition cries out for help and protection. But so far no arm has been able to reach them in a sufficient and effective way. Ways and means have been discussed and plans have been devised, articles in the press have appeared from time to time, committees from different churches and organizations have been appointed to investigate various phases of the matter, but all so far have ended in a dream.

There are some few desirable places for such a home in Illinois, but at such places no colored person has heretofore been found who owns or controls sufficient property or wealth to offer the proper inducements to the movement. But, as the saying goes, fortune knocks at every man's door at least once during life, we are rejoiced to announce that this fortune has now come to the door of the colored people of Illinois. Never before has such a timely and valuable opportunity in the way of a public necessity come to these people. Mr. Troy Porter, of Paris, Ill., one of the most substantial business men we have in our race, has come forward just at the proper time with a proposition that will strike gladness to the hearts of those who have yearned for the establishment of an orphan home. This man has long desired to do something for the thousands of helpless children in this part of the country.

At the Wood River Baptist Sunday School Convention an organization composed of some of the best men and women of the Illinois Baptist, and delegates from almost every part of the state, a committee of five men was appointed last week for the purpose of investigating this proposition. In company with about twenty other men and women of the convention they were driven out to look at the property which Mr. Porter owns and proposes to convert into a home for the friendless children.

The committee were so impressed with the beauty, the value, the location, the appointments and appropriateness of the property that their report and recommendations were enthusiastically adopted without a dissenting voice and the convention pledged the support of the district to this movement.

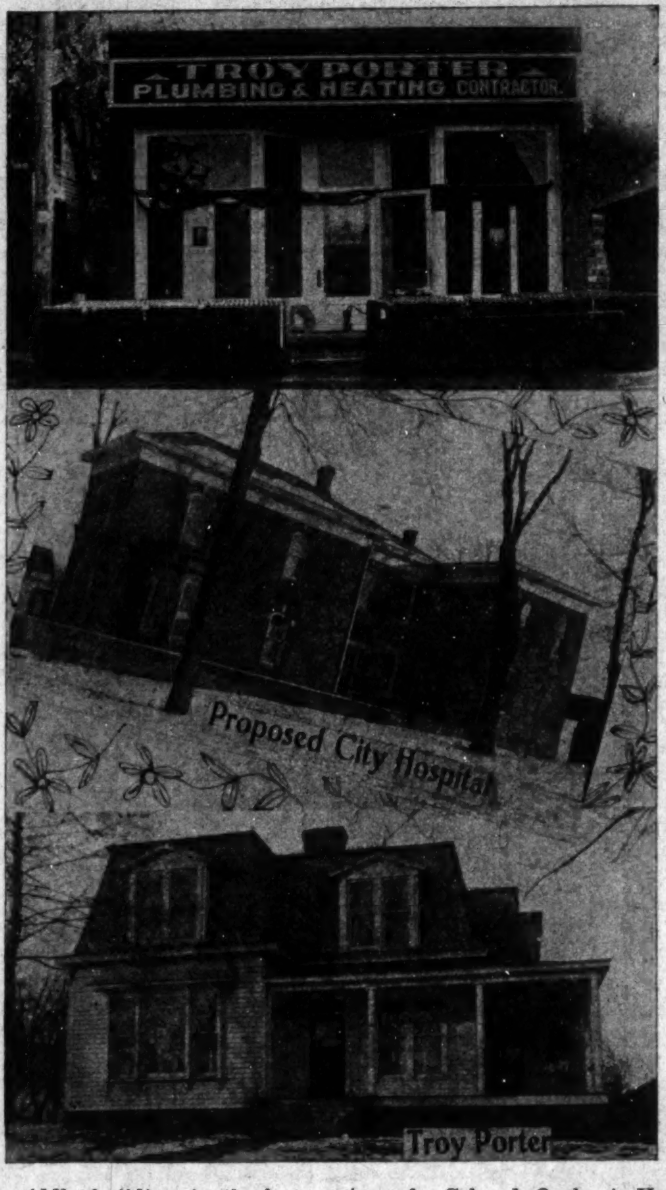
Mr. Porter's proposition carries the requirment that this home shall be under the control of no one sect, creed or denomination, but for, by and of all. That this institution shall forever be under the control of colored people. He desires that every church, convention, association, society and lodge or order shall have a voice in its control and management and that its doors be open to every orphan Negro child in or out of Illinois.

This property is well adapted for the purpose. It is situated in the best part of the city, six squares from the court house and on the interurban car line connecting Paris with all the east, north and south. It has high, healthy surroundings, and plenty of ground. The house is a two-story brick, with all modern appliances for heating and lightning, and has connection with the mineral wells which are in the immediate neighborhood. One must see the property for himself to really appreciate it.

There is no better place in the state of Illinois for the location of such an institution. Paris is noted for its peaceful law-abiding citizens, white and colored. The two races are in absolute harmony, there never having accurred any serious trouble or outbreak of a racial character. This city has no places of infamy, no saloons, or congested districts of bad characters, as is true in many other cities. The colored people are thirfty, industrious and prosperous, 80 per cent. of them owning good homes, scattered about in the city. There are several worth $10,000 or more.

The citizens, white and colored, will give their support to the institution. The county and city will aid in its maintenance.

Mr. Porter invites correspondence with any and all persons who may be in any way interested in such a movement. Any questions will be cheerfully and promptly answered.



The middle building is the house given for Colored Orphan's House.

SEKITAN, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Mr. Julius Hartshaw, one of Sekitan's prominent citizens and member of the St. John Masonic order No. 3, of Addyston, O., died at his residence in Coal City avenue, Wednesday morning, at 11:05. The deceased had been a sufferer for the past five years, and during his illness had confessed religion. Mr. Hartshaw was born in North Carolina, March 27, 1875, and was thirty-six years old. The Rev. Mrs. M. J. Brannon officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Brooks and the Rev. J. W. White. The deceased leaves a wife and one daughter, besides a mother and father, three brothers and one sister, who reside in North Carolina....Mrs. Amanda Walker, who has been confined to her bed for the past few days, is able to be out again...Mrs. Mary Walton, of Cleves, O., met with quite an accident Friday evening, fire igniting from a gasoline stove. The kitchen was demolished, entailing a loss of $200, partly covered by insurance.....Frank Bussell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bussell, chief marshal, met with a serious accident in the city, Saturday evening. At the last report Mr. Bussell was resting quietly..... A farewell reception was held at the First Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, in honor of the departure of the Rev. Dr. Saunders and the Rev. Mrs. M. J. Brannon for Columbus, O., to attend the National Baptist Convention. The party left Wednesday morning....Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fitch have made a new lunch counter and are better equipped to serve the public than ever.,.. Mrs. Edna Gaines has been serving in the capacity of clerk for S. H. Pillon, in the absence of Miss L. Wakes....Mr. H. Flint, an employe at the pipe factory, met with a painful accident Monday morning, by having his thumb broken....The evangelist, Mrs. M. J. Brannon, preached to a large congregation at the fair grounds at Lawrenceburg, Ind., Sunday, taking for her text "What have I done?" Joshua, 6th chapter, 3d verse....Rehearsals for the concert to be given at the Town Hall have commenced.... Leave your order for The Freeman at the Gaines & Pillon Cafe....Miss Pearl Hicks, who was taken to the Betts street Hospital, is much improved....Marshal W. H. Brannon was in the city Friday morning with a prisoner....The ball given at the Town Hall Tuesday evening was well attended and a success. Jas. Vaughn was manager....Mr. and Mrs. William Dickerson have done some improving by papering and painting their restaurant....Ralph Grubbs, a recent graduate of the Addyston public schools, is attending Woodwards High School, in Cincinnati....Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ousley entertained Sunday evening, at 5:30, with a well-prepared lunch, the following guests: Rev. Geo. Lewis, Delhi, Rev. J. H. Brooks, Sekitan, and Rev. J. W. White, Cincinnati.... Miss Carrie Johnson is visiting in Newcomerstown and Massillon, O....Quite a number of the people of Delhi were down Sunday, greeting old friends and attending services. ....N. C. Hawkins has taken up the representation of The Freeman again, and hopes to meet all old customers....The pallbearers at the Hartshaw funeral were William Dickerson, Richard Mackie, William Louis, Samuel Utz, Robert Miller and M. S. Page. The funeral arrangements were under the direction of Mrs. Julius Hartshaw and Mr. William Dickerson....The Dunbar Afro-American Literature Agency Company is putting in overtime sending out all kinds of race literature. Any company desiring to secure good agents to handle race literature should write N. C. Hawkins, High street, Sekitan, O., president and traveling representative. ....The Freeman is always on time. Look for the agent every Saturday....Miss Hattie Neal, of High street, and Mrs. Josephine Hawkins, of Canton, O., are visiting relatives for a few days in the city....J. W. Gaines has leased his building, formerly occupied for saloon purposes, and remodeled and painted and placed a new glass front. The building will be used for a first-class meat market and cut-rate grocery store.... Rev. R. P. Wilson paid us a business visit Sunday afternoon, and left for Lawrenceburg, Ind. Mr. Wilson's visit was in the interest of Emancipation Day celebration at Delhi, Wednesday, the 22nd....Rev. George Lewis, of Cincinnati, occupied the rostrum at the C. M. E. Church, Sunday....Miss Maud Lucas, secretary of the First Baptist Church Sabbath school, left Wednesday for Georgetown, Ky., for a visit of ten days with relatives....The Zankee Girls' Club will hold an all-night entertainment, Emancipation Day, Wednesday, the 22nd. Refreshments of all kinds will be served. The club is increasing in membership, and will soon have a strong representation. Miss Aida Elliston, employed at the S. H. Pillow restaurant, is president....Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson, of High street, entertained Monday evening, at cards, for a number of guests. The party was held in the parlor. Various social games were played and many stories told, after which they were all invited to retire to the dining room, where a well-prepared supper was in waiting. Delicacies of all kinds were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. William Williams, Mr. N. C. Hawkins, Mrs. Mary Motten and Mr. Blue. The affair was the beginning of some of the many social functions which are to be given during the winter and fall season.

MUNCIE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

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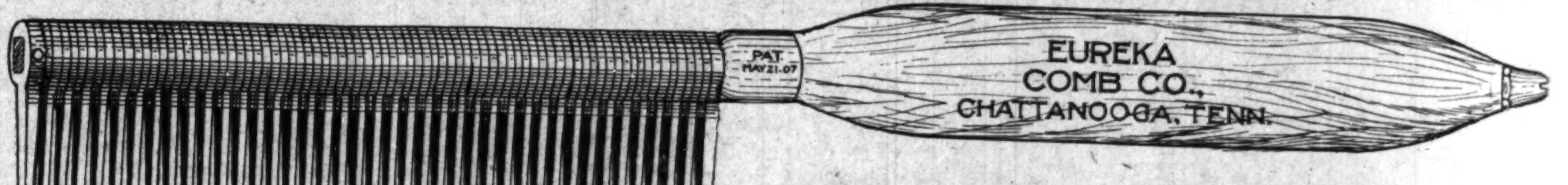

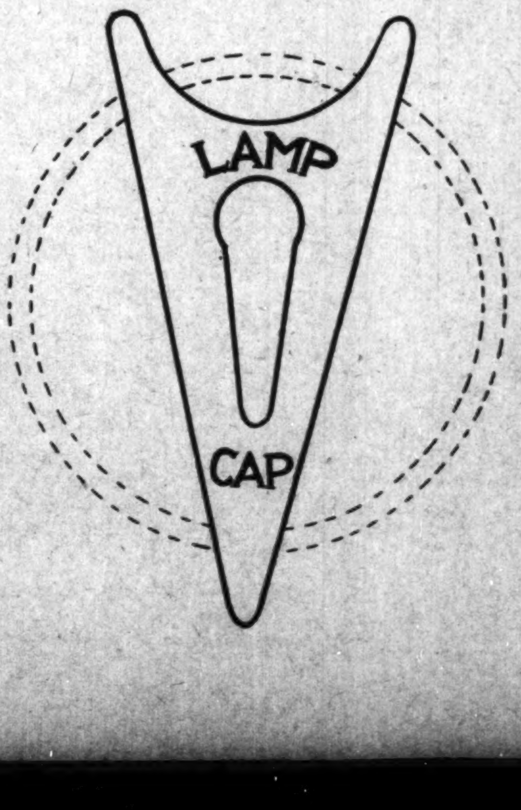

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CHAPTER III.

Carrington tumbled out of bed at six and threw out the old-fashioned green blinds. A warm, golden summer morning greeted his eyes, and the peaceful calm of Sunday lay upon the land. A robin piped in an apple tree, an oriole flashed across the flower beds, and a bee buzzed just outside the sill. A brave day! He stepped into his tub, bathed, and dressed in his riding clothes, for there was to be a canter down to the sea and return before breakfast. From the window he could see the groom walking the beautiful thoroughbreds up and down the driveway. There were only two this morning; evidently Norah was not going.

The Cavenaugh girls had created almost a scandal and a revolution when they first appeared at Glenwood. People had read and talked about women riding like men, they had even seen pictures of them, but to find them close at hand was something of a shock. Yet, when they saw with what ease the Cavenaugh girls took the hedges, ditches and fences, how their mounts never suffered from saddle-galls, and, above all, how the two always kept even pace with the best men riders, opinion veered; and several ladies changed their habits.

Norah, who saw the droll side of things, once said that the accepted riding habit for women reminded her of a kimono for a harp.

Carrington stole gently down to the horses. He had great affection for the sleek thoroughbreds. Their ears went forward when they saw him, and they whinnied softly. He rubbed their velvet noses and in turn they nozzled him for sugar loaves. Had it not been for the night and the attendant mysteries, his happiness would have been complete. People waste many precious moments in useless retrospection; so Carrington resolutely forced the subject from his mind. One thing was certain, the Cavenaughs knew who the burglar was; and there was something strange in the idea of an empty safe in a millionaire's home. Pshaw! He took out the expected sugar loaves and extended them on both palms. The pair lipped his hand and crunched the sweets with evident relish.

"How are they to-day, James?"

"Fit for 20 miles, straight away or 'cross lots, sir. Your mount is feeling his oats this morning; he hasn't been out for a run since Thursday, sir. I've put the curb on him in case he takes it into his head to cut up shines. Here comes Miss Kate, sir."

Carrington's pulse rose. Kate was apprcaching them. She was pale but serene. She smiled a good morning, which took in the gentleman and the groom.

"I hope I haven't kept you waiting."

"Not a moment; I only just got down myself," said Carrington.

She mounted without assistance and adjusted her skirts. The filly began to waltz, impatient to be off.

"To the beach?" Carrington asked, swinging into his saddle.

She nodded and they started off toward the highway at a smart trot. Once there, the animals broke into an easy canter, which they maintained for a mile or more. Then Kate drew down to a walk.

"What a day!" said he, waving his hand toward the sea line.

There was color a-plenty on her cheeks now, and her eyes shone like precious stones. There is no exhilaration quite like it. She flicked the elders with her crop, and once or twice reached up for a ripening apple. In the air there was the strange sea smell, mingled with the warm scent of clover.

"I'll race you to the beach!" she cried, suddenly.

"Done! I'll give you to the sixth tree," He laughed. There was really nothing at all in the world but this beautiful girl, the horses, and the white road that wound in and out to the sea.

She trotted her mount to the sixth tree, turned, and then gave the signal. Away they went, the horses every bit as eager as their riders. With their ears laid back, their nostrils wide, their feet drumming, they thundered down the road. Carrington gained, but slowly, and he had to hold his right arm as a shield for his eyes, as the filly's heels threw back a steady rain of sand and gravel. Faster and faster; a milk wagon veered out just in time; foolish chickens scampered to the wrong side of the road, and the stray pigs in the orchards squealed and bolted inland. It was all very fine. And when they struck deep tawny sand the animals were neck and neck. It was now no easy task to bring them to a stop. Carrington's hunter had made up his mind to win, and the lithe filly was equally determined. As an expedient, they finally guided the animals toward the hull of an ancient wreck; nothing else would have stopped them.

"How I love it!" said Kate, breathlessly, as she slid from the saddle. "Beauty, you beat him, didn't you!" patting the dripping neck of her favorite.

They tethered the horses presently and sat down in the shade of the hull.

"Nothing like, is there, girl?"

"I hate automobiles," she answered, irrelevantly.

The old, old sea quarreled murmurously at their feet, and the white gulls sailed hither and thither, sometimes breasting the rollers just as they were about to topple over into running creamy foam. The man and the girl seemed perfectly content to remain voiceless. There was no sound but the song of the sea; the girl dreamed, and the man wondered what her dream was. Presently he glanced at his watch. He stood up, brushing the sand from his clothes.

"Half an hour between us and breakfast, Kate. All aboard!"

The night before might have been only an idle dream.

So they took the road back. Only the sea and the gulls saw the tender kiss.

The pariah sauntered in at two o'clock that afternoon, just as the family were sitting down to luncheon. He was a revelation. There was nothing shabby about him now. He wore a new suit, spats, a new straw hat, and twirled a light bamboo. There was something jaunty and confident in his air, a bubbling in his eyes; altogether, he was in fine fettle about something. He cast aside his hat and cane with a flourish.

"Aha! just in time," he said. "Another chair, William."

The butler sent a dubious glance at his master; there was the usual curt nod and the frown. So grandpa sat down beside Norah, whose usual effervescence had strangely subsided; he pinched her cheek, and deliberated between the cold ham and chicken.

"A fine day! A beautiful day! A day of days!" he cried, surrendering to the appetitious lure of both meats.

Nobody replied to this outburst of exuberance; nobody had the power to. A strange calm settled over every one. This was altogether a new kind of grandpa. There was nothing timid or hesitant here, nothing meek and humble; neither was there that insufferable self-assurance and arrogance of a disagreeable man. Grandpa's attitude was simply that of an equal, of a man of the world, of one who is confident of the power he holds in reserve; that was all. But for all that, he was a sensation of some magnitude. Carrington was seized with a wild desire to laugh. The truth came to him like an illumination; but he wisely held his peace.

"There is something in the air today that renews youth in old age; eh, my son?" with a sly wink at Cavenaugh.

Cavenaugh's expression of wonder began to freeze and remained frozen to the end of the meal. So all the honors of conversation fell to grandpa, who seemed to relish this new privilege.

"Father," said Cavenaugh, holding back his accumulated wrath, "I want to see you in my study."

"Immediately, my son. I was just about to make that same request." Grandpa looked at Kate, then at Carrington. "I suppose you young persons will invite poor old grandpa to the wedding?"

"Father!" This was altogether too much for patrician blood. Cavenaugh's face reddened and his fists closed ominously. "You will do me the honor, father, not to meddle with my private affairs. Kate is my daughter, and she shall marry the man it pleases me to accept."

Carrington felt this cut dart over grandpa's shoulder. He stirred uneasily.

"Oh, if that's the way you look at it!" with a comical deprecatory shrug. Grandpa touched Carrington on the arm. "Young man, do you love this girl? No false modesty, now; the truth, and nothing but the truth. Do you love her?"

"With all my heart!" Carrington felt the impulse occult. Something whispered that his whole future depended upon his answer.

"And you, Kate?"

"I love him, grandpa," bravely.

"That's all I want to know," said grandpa.

Cavenaugh released one of his fists; it fell upon the table and rattled things generally.

"Am I in my own house?" he bawled.

"That depends," answered grandpa, suavely. "You've got to behave yourself. Now, then, let us repair to the secret chamber of finance. It is the day of settlement," grimly.

Mrs. Cavenaugh was gently weeping. The dread moment had come, come when she had been lulled into the belief that it would never come. Kate understood, and longed to go to her and comfort her; and she trembled for her father, who knew nothing of the pit that lay at his feet. Carrington dallied with his fork; he wished he were anywhere in the world but at the Cavenaugh table. The desire to laugh recurred to him, but he realized that the inclination was only hysterical.

Cavenaugh was already heading for the study. He was in a fine rage. Grandpa was close on his heels. At the threshold he turned once more to Carrington.

"You know your 'Tempest,' young man, I'm sure," he said. "Well, this is the revolt of Caliban—Caliban uplifted, as it were."

The door closed behind them, and father and son faced each other.

"I'll trouble you for those papers you took from the safe last night," said the son, heavily.

"Ah, indeed!" said grandpa.

"At once; I have reached the limit of my patience."

"So have I," returned grandpa. "Perhaps you know what these papers are about?"

"I know nothing whatever, save that they belong to Mr. Carrington. Hand them over."

Grandpa helped himself to a cigar and sat down. He puffed two or three times, eyed the lighted end and sighed with satisfaction.

"If you but knew what they were about, these papers, you would pay a cool million for their possession. My word, it is a droll situation; reads like the fourth act in a play. If you have a duke picked out for Kate, forget him."

"She will never marry Carrington!" Cavenaugh's voice rose in spite of his effort to control it.

"My son, they will hear you," the pariah warned. He blew a cloud of smoke into the air and sniffed it. "You never offered me this particular brand," reproachfully.

"Enjoy it," snapped the other, "for it is the last you will ever smoke in any house of mine."

"You don't tell me!"

"Those papers, instantly!"

"'Be it known by these presents, et cetera, et cetera,'" said the old man. He rose suddenly, the banter leaving his lips and eyes, and his

"Hand Them Over."

jaw setting hard. "You had better get your check book handy, my son, for when I'm through with you, you'll be only too glad to fill out a blank for fifty thousand. I consider myself quite moderate. This young Carrington is a mighty shrewd fellow; and I'd rather have him as a friend than an enemy. He has made out his case so strongly that it will cost you a pretty penny to escape with a whole skin."

"What are you talking about?"

"The case of the people versus Cavenaugh et al. It concerns the clever way in which you and your partners slid under the seven per cent. dividend due your investors; which caused a slump in the price of the shares, forcing thousands to sell their stock; which you bought back at a handsome profit. Moloch! The millions you have are not enough; you must have more. There are about twelve of you in all, not one of you worth less than three millions. What a beautiful chance for blackmail!"

Cavenaugh stepped back, and his legs, striking a chair, toppled him into it. His father had become Medusa's head!

"Aha! That jars you some," chuckled grandpa.

It took Cavenaugh some time to recover his voice, and when he did it was faint and unnatural.

"Is this true?" he gasped.

"It is so true that I'll trouble you for the check now."

"Come, father, this is no time for nonsense." Cavenaugh waved his hand impatiently. "Let me see the document."

"Hardly. But the moment you place the check in my hands I shall be pleased to do so. But there must be no reservation to have payment stopped."

"I will not give you a single penny!" The mere suggestion of giving up so large a sum without a struggle seemed preposterous. "Not a penny! And furthermore, I am through with you for good and all. Shift for yourself hereafter. Fifty thousand! You make me laugh!"

"I shall make you laugh, my son; but not on the humorous side." The old man reached out his hand and struck the bell.

"What do you want?" asked Cavenaugh, mystified.

"I want the author of the document. I propose to take the family skeleton out of the closet and dangle it up and down before the young man's eyes. You will laugh, I dare say."

Cavenaugh fell back in his chair again. The door opened and William looked in.

"You rang, sir?" to Cavenaugh fils.

"No, William," said Cavenaugh pere, affably; "I rang. Call Mr. Carrington." The butler disappeared. "It is my turn, Henry, and I have waited a long time, as you very well know. Ha! Sit down, Mr. Carrington, sit down."

Carrington, who had entered, obeyed readily.

"You left some papers in the dining room safe last night," began grandpa.

"I was about to ask you to return them," replied Carrington, with assumed pleasantry.

The two Cavenaughs looked at each other blankly. Finally grandpa laughed.

"I told you he was clever!"

"It is true, then," snarled the millionaire, "that you have been meddling with affairs that in no wise concern you. I warn you that your case in court will not have a leg to stand on."

"I prefer not to discuss the merits of the case," said Carrington, quietly.

"I have been your host, sir; you have eaten at my table." Cavenaugh, as he spoke, was not without a certain dignity.

"All of which, recognizing the present situation, I profoundly regret."

"Good!" said grandpa. "Henry, if you had been the general they give you credit for, you would have offered Mr. Carrington that seventeen thousand two or three years ago. There is nothing so menacing to dishonesty as the free lance. Now, listen to me for a space. We'll come to the documentary evidence all in good time. I spoke of Caliban uplifted," ironically. "For years I have been treated as a pariah, as a beast of burden, as a messenger boy, as a go-between to take tricks that might have soiled my son's delicate hands. Father and son, yes; but in name only. Blood is thicker than water only when riches and ambition are not touched in the quick. This dutiful son of mine could easily have elevated me along with himself; but he would not do so. He was afraid that people might learn something of my past which would greatly hinder his advancement. He prospered, he grew rich and arrogant; he put his heel on my neck, and I dared not revolt. You wouldn't believe it, would you, Mr. Carrington, that I was graduated with honors from Oxford university. I speak three tongues fluently, and have a smattering of a dozen others; am a doctor of philosophy, an Egyptologist. But I was indolent and loved good times, and so, you see, it came about that I fell into evil ways. Formerly, I was a burglar by profession."

He stopped, eying Carrington's stupefaction. The son gnawed his lips impotently.

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The many friends of T. Thomas Fortune will hear of him in the future through the "Echo" of Red Bank, New Jersey, a publication to which he will contribute.

Maybe they will just call the man that "drives" the airship the engineer, or the pilot, thus saving the language from further increase of terms Mr. Webster never dreamed of.

President Taft is manifesting concern for the Negroes' political welfare in Maryland. He is outspoken in denouncing the attempt to politically oust them in that State.

Some one has said that DuBois was too honest in his beliefs. Not more so than many others. Education and place make him prominent, and his fearlessness adds to his prominence.

It is given out that the reason colored men are not on the police force in New York is because they cannot pass the civil service examination. Maybe they aren't expected on the "finest" that ever happened.

The colored man is in it, the song goes. It comes very near being true. He stood with Peary at the North Pole, did his share in all things. What a valuable asset he is! Fit in any old place. Keep your eye on him.

Colored men have not yet manifested any desire to take service in the French army. After all, there's no place like home. Some ups and downs in America, still there's no place like the United States for the Negro—and he knows it.

The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, which recenty met at Durham, N. C., decided to spend $10,000 on a mission in Liberia, Africa. It is said that industrial features will be part of the plan. The little republic will value such aid.

The Air Navigation Company of Germany is getting ready for a passenger business. Prominent financial concerns are promoting the aerial proposition; they seem to think it looks good. We think it looks a little hazardous. However, nothing ventured, nothing gained. The airship may tourn out to be a bonanza. If they can guarantee against spills, the people will do the rest. If not, the airship will remain a curiosity, as the balloon has for more than a hundred years.

So no mark, not one "yaller" stone, even, shall enter the new bridge that will stand instead of the famous old "yaller bridge," to join the present to the past. The citizens of that vicinity have arise nagainst the "old iniquity," the "cesspool of crime." Not the slightest token of its former self; it shall fall to pieces like a house of cards, ne'er to be restacked—"unhonored and unsung." The nostrils of these new days must not be stenched. Dumb wood, lifeless stone and iron, stand up before your accusers. What theft? What murder? What harlotry have you done? Why not an honorabe resting place in the catacombs of man's memory, and the more material, his physical archives, in some small part?

If the fiftieth anniversary of the Negro's emancipation is celebrated by holding a nation laexposition in 1913, what shall we do six years later? Celebrate again? Hardly. Emancipation anniversaries can come every year, do come every year in some parts. The advent of the Negro on the American soil was a most profound event. Notwithstanding his vicissitudes, slavery and the rest of it, he has become the most progressive Negro in all of the world. Here was opportunity, albeit shrouded by the dismal slavery years. Let us honor the day when barbarism offered us up to the American shores. We detest the circumstances because of what they stand for in the eyes of enlightenment, yet something is due the situation that bore men into the heritage of the word's leading nation—contesting, competing. Without the first event there would have been no emancipation, no Abraham Lincoln, no most progressive Negroes in all the world. Think, gentlemen, think! Make it 1919 or 1920, as the case may be concerning the three hundredth anniversary of the advent of the American Negroes.

REMEMBER HENSON.

We demand settlement of that North Pole controversy at the earliest possible moment. It is becoming too complicated for human endurance, for now comes Henson, the colored man who went to the pole, or thereabouts, with Peary, with claims of his own. He saw the pole as quick as Peary did, ate just as much dog, going and coming, has just as many frozen toes as Peary, and with the help of four Eskimos did all the cheering when the flag was raised.

Fact is that, while Peary was the head of the expedition, this colored man, Henson, is just as much a hero, so far as courage and endurance are concerned, as is white man Peary, and if our colored friends don't get up something warm and comforting for Henson on his return, they miss a great chance to appropriate some glory.

With a black man holding the heavyweight belt in pugilism, and another one discovering the North Pole, exclusive white society isn't so much, after all.

Honor to Henson! He hung on longer than all save four of the Eskimos and thirty-six dogs, and he has a right to participate in the honorable attention bestowed upon Peary. Of course, if the pole wasn't really discovered, we reserve the right to crawfish on this recommendation—The Chicago Record-Herald.

A "COMPILATION."

The Anti-Saloon League has made what it is pleased to term a "compilation," in an effort to show that there is more crime and insanity and more divorces and suicides in the wet counties than in the dry counties. It is also shown in the "compilation" that there is more drunkenness in wet counties. There is quite likely to be more crime and misdemeanors, also more divorces and insanity, in the large centers of population. But who would be silly enough to take for granted any showing of that sort made under the direction of Mr. Shumaker? It is up to him to make a showing of some sort to justify the existence of his Anti-Saloon League. It will be only the very credulous in the pickle factory counties of the State who will give the Anti-Saloon League's "compilation" any consideration whatever.

There are two points, however, that are not shown. The wet and dry boozers of the dry counties tire of the bootleg and blind tiger kinds of liquor, and, in squads, pay weekly visits to wet counties, where they can get good cold beer and a good article of liquor over the bars of regulated saloons. It is not strange that some of these fall by the wayside, thereby making an apparent showing of more drunkenness in wet territory. Again, the Anti-Saloon League has its officers in dry counties, who refuse to make arrests for drunkenness for no other reason than to make it appear by their records that there is no drunkenness in dry territory, or, at least, less than in wet.

But what else than fraud and deceit can be expected from the Anti-Saloon League officials? They have received hundreds of thousands of dollars in 1908-9, and dare not make a report of receipts and expenditures. It is believed, among sensible men, who hold the League and its avowed objects in contempt and derision, that it is a bigger graft in its way than was the Louisiana Lottery in its palmiest days. It has taken the foolish widow's mite also to swell the fund, which its officers may be salting away for the rainy season, when the League will be chased into oblivion by an outraged and indignant people.

It is due to the League's methods, aided by political leaders of fanatical propensities, that a condition of unrest and hatred exists in all the communities of most of the States. No good has been accomplished, and there is no recompense for the broken friendships and business depression that has followed in the wake of the Anti-Saloon League's pernicious activities.

GEORGETOWN, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Clara Frank, of Louisville, has been the guest of Miss Cherry Pembleton for the last three weeks....Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Bailey, Jr., spent the week in Lexington with the mother of the bride, Mrs. Farnsworth....Mrs. A. J. Burgess is spending the week in Louisville with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Fanning, and is having a joyful time at the State Fair....Mr. J. H. Savage, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of his father, Mr. B. V. Savage. Mr. Savage is a young business man is respected by everyone....Mr. Geo. Pryor, of Chicago, is spending the week with his relatives and is said to be having a joyful stay in our town....Mr. Leslie Bailey returned last Sunday from Louisville, Ky., where he has been visiting for several weeks.

WEST BADEN, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Mrs. Callie Dozier, of 715 Senate avenue, Indianapolis, is visiting her daughter, Novella Dickinson, on Ella avenue....Mrs. Emily Beacheam, of Russellville, is visiting her son, Lum Beacheam, on Broadway.... Mrs. Mary May and daughter are visiting her daughter, Hattie Beacheam....Miss Birdie Sebree is expected home soon from Wisconsin, where she has been maid for Miss Lillian Sinclair....Mrs. Wright Potter invites all to her Mexican chili parlor. Open day and night....The Freeman for sale by Ed Rogers.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Prof. E. H. Triplett has been on the sick list the past week, but is improving very nicely....Revs. L. S. Lee, of New Hope Baptist Church, and J. B. Brannon, of El Bethel Baptist Church, left on September 14 for Columbus, O., to attend the National Baptist Convention....Mr. J. P. Washington, of Birmingham, Ala., has been visiting our city the past week, and is looking very well....Schools will soon be open, so let the parents rush the children to the schoolhouse....The United Woodmen (colored) had a grand time in Meridian on Sept. 7 and 8. Grand Governor S. A. Cowan presided. The parade was quite long, but the rain interfered with it a little.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

On account of the scarcity of labor the oil mill has only been running part time.... Reuben Davis has returned to the city.... See D. C. Chisholm and subscribe for The Freeman, the paper with news from around the world....What did you do with your summer change. Summer is gone and the days will soon grow cold. Make hay while the sun shines....To every race loving and race enterprising citizen who has the advancement of the race at heart, and desires to see the Negro a predominant factor in the commercial world, come out Friday night, at New Hope Baptist Church, and make an effort that will put forth your desires. You are cordially invited to be present Friday night, September 17.

DELHI, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

We have in our village one of the leading physicians in Hamilton county, in the person of William Keer. Dr. Keer owns an elegant residence on one of the principal streets of the village, besides having a lucrative practice in Cincinnati....Rev. W. H. Blackburn returned home Tuesday from Ironton, O., where he had been attending conference.... The recent reception tendered Mr. Irvine Gillespie, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Dudley, was well attended, and a grand time was witnessed. Mr. Gillespie left Thursday evening for Chicago, Ill., and other points of interest, before arriving at his home in Detroit, Mich....Rev. R. P. Wilson and Rev. W. H. Fields have about finished arrangements for the Emancipation Day celebration, to be held at the First Baptist Church. Teh program will consist of some speakers of note, essays and recitations and solos. The church will be handsomely decorated. Refreshments of all kind will be served....N. C. Hawkins was entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman for a pleasant hour, Sunday, on his route....Mr. Harrison Bailey, of Home City, and Miss Susie Motten, of Lawrenceburg, Ind., were quietly married Saturday evening, at the residence of Mr. John Bailey, at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. W. H. Fields officiating. Mr. Bailey is very prominent in society circles and Miss Motten is a leading society lady of Lawrenceburg, Ind. Many nice presents were received and a delicious supper was served. Covers were laid for twelve guests....Mr. Benjamin Utz, of Boone county, Ky., spent Sunday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomas.....Read the leading news journal, The Freeman.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Hon. Lewis Woods, wife and sister-in-law are spending a week in the City of Brotherly Love, greeting old friends and looking over historic spots. From here they will go to Atlantic City, America's greatest summer resort, and take a dip in old ocean, after which they will go to Chicago for a rew days to visit relatives and friends, and then home to Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Woods is a self-made man, having commenced at the bottom of the ladder and worked himself up, and deserves specian mention as an example to others. He is a total stranger in the arts of the demagogue. No dishonorable act detracts from his fame. His hands are clean, his integrity incorruptible. He is a bold but chivalrous political antagonist, for his sense of honor is acute, which makes him one of the foremost men of his race in Missouri to-day.

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The last quarterly meeting of this conference year was held last Sunday at Taylor Chapel. Rev. Hill, P. E., preached morning and evening. Rev. Holt, of Jonesville, preached in the afternoon. There was given to Rev. J. W. Hill by the members of Taylor Chapel a reception last Monday night and the affair was a success....Mrs. Lulu G. Porter, of Bowling Green, is visiting her bother, Mrs. Margaret Duersen, at Glasco, Ky. She will return home this week....There will be a Lyceum organized at the College Street M. E. Church Sunday afternoon directly after the rally....There will be a rally at the College St. A. M. Church Sunday, Sept. 19. Rev. J. H. Crooks will preach in the afternoon....The public schools opened last week with a large enrolment. The schools have a strong corps of teachers and everything looks promising.... Mrs. Luan Hampton, an old citizens of Bowling Green, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, and was buried Wednesday from the State St. Baptist Church. She leaves a husband 80 years old and almost helpless. This couple had lived together 61 years. ....The Union District Association of the Baptist Church met at Glasco, Ky., from the 9th to the 12th of September. This meeting was very profitable to all. Rev. Spencer Nichols was vindicated at this associations of accusations against him of two years standing. The following members from Bowling Green were present: Revs. E. Hampton, Wilson Hampton, Elic Williams, Robert Mitchell, James Bluet, Robt. Jackson, S. C. Nichols, W. Lawrence and James Helin....Mrs. Luella Armstrong, of Chicago, Ill., is visiting her father, Ambrose Hampton, and looking after him for a few days, after which time she will return to Chicago.

IRONTON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Maggie Thompson, of Huntington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harris, who lives in 4th street....Mrs. Dr. Brodinac, of Portsmouth, was the guest of Mrs. A. G. Moore, of South 7th street....Mrs. J. S. Masterson was the guest of Mrs. Chas. Reynolds and Miss Addie Cornute....Rev. Dr. Henderson, private secretary of Bishop W. B. Derrick, preached Sunday morning. ....Rev. Dr. Anderson, presiding elder of the Pittsburg district, preached Sunday night....Mrs. Walter Ross and little son Walter, of Wilberforce, are visiting Mrs. Woodbin, of Buckhorn street....Little Miss Dana Woodbin returned home Saturday from a pleasant visit in Wilberforce, O....The U. B. F. lodge of this city and of Portsmouth gave an excursion to Portsmouth Labor Day and a goodly crowd of Ironton people went down....Mrs. Myrtle Livisay, of Fort Gay, W. Va., and children are visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jones in Depot square....Mr. Chas. Robinson took a week's vacation last week. Mr. Robinson is one of the mail carriers of this city.... Miss Lenore W. Collins was out of the city a few days last week on business....Miss Ethel Garner is visiting Miss Flossie M. Jones in Depot square....Master Carter Livisay, of Fort Gay, W. Va., is here to spend the winter with his uncle....The 69th annual session of the Ohio Annual Conference convened in Ironton, Ohio, Tuesday, Sept. 7, with Bishop W. B. Derrick, D. D., L. L. D., presiding. Much enthusiasm was shown in the sessions.... Mr. Chas. Wright, who lives in South 7th street, left Saturday for Mason, W. Va.

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Prof. J. B. Barnes, of Florence, has been elected principal of the Sheffield High School, which opened on the 7th of September. The citizens of Sheffield are being aroused to the sense of their duty in the line of education, and high school can only be what we make it. We ask the aid of every loyal citizen to help in making this school a success. The Negro need not expect good schools for his boys and girls unless he goes to work and supports them, just as the opposite race does. If we do not support our own institutions we need not look for the white people to do it for us. First help yourself, and then others will help you. We hope those who read this will be governed accordingly....Miss Sadie Webb has gone to Carbon Hill, Ala., to take up her school work. She has for her assistant teacher Miss Harriet Hampton....Miss Mattie Sutton and Lonnie Webb left Sunday for Tuskegee Institute....Rev. W. M. Carter, pastor of the First Baptist Church, left this week for Columbus, O., to visit the National Baptist Convention....Mr. Will Johnson is representing the Union Mutual Aid Association. He asks the patronage of the people to support him in his new field of labor.... The Smart Set Company exhibited to a packed house Staurday night, and surpassed all shows we have witnessed this season.... Don't forget to call for The Freeman at Mr. Conley's. I am grateful to the people for their liberal patronage and ask a continuance....Read The Freeman for yourself and see what the busy world is doing.

EVENTS AT THE FALLS CITY

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ing the Fair. They were the guests of the Assembly Club's dance at the Fair Grounds and the Young Girl's dance at Grey's hall. They report a most enjoyable stay.

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The Kentucky A. M. E. Zion Conference opened Tuesday afternoon at the Thirteenth street and Broadway church, of which Rev. Gorham is pastor. There are a number of delegates in attendance and quite an interesting conference is expected to be held during the remaining week.

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Miss Nannie H. Burroughs has returned to the city, after spending a week in Columbus, Ohio. She reports that Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, was a great success. She will leave the last of the month for Washington, D. C., to be present at the opening of the National Training School.

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The Martin R. Delaney Post and the Martin R. Delaney Circle were entertained by Prof. F. S. Delany last week at their hall. All enjoyed themselves and had more than they could eat. Treats were sent to the inmates of Citizens National Hospital. A fine picture adorns the walls of the old veterans' hall.

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The fall opening of Evans and Young's dancing class will take place on next Tuesday night, at Odd Fellows' Hall. All the latest dances of the season will be introduced. These two dancing masters have been very successful for several years with their classes and they expected an unprecedented season this year in the way of attendance.

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The Rev. Leroy Ferguson, D. D., of the Episcopal church of Our Merciful Savior, has been extended an invitation to address the People's Literary Association, Little Rock, Ark. Dr. Ferguson will address this body some time in November and he will be accompanied by Cary B. Lewis, who spent sometime in that section several years ago.

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Miss Hattie Smith, formerly of this city, but now of French Lick Springs, Ind., and Mr. Church Farro, of this city, were quietly married last week at the parsonage of the Rev. C. B. Allen, on West Madison street. Both are very popular young people, and they have the best wishes of their many friends of this city and French Lick Springs.

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Miss Bessie Tucker, one of the most promising young women of the city, died last week at her home, Eleventh and Madison streets. She was a graduate of the Central High and Normal Schools and had taught school one year. She was buried from the Thirteenth street and Broadway A. M. E. Zion church, of which she was a faithful member.

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White and colored alike, have been mourning this week over the death of Bishop McCloskey, head of the Catholic church, whose headquarters was in this city. Thousands after thousands saw his body as it lie in state at the Cathedral on Monday.

In his death, Louisville loses a great churchman. He was a friend to the Negro. In his diocese there are more evidences of his friendship toward the "brother" than most denominations. In most all the Catholic charitable institutions in this city, there is an open hand extended the Negro. They are received at the old folks' home and at the corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, and there is a home for indigent girls. There are two colored Catholic churches in this city and a third is now to open at 810 West Walnut street. For their charitableness, the denomination seems to be growing in Louisville, much of it being due to the late Bishop McClosky.

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Word comes here that Miss Lena Marshall, a Louisville girl, has been assigned the place of Miss Abbe Mitchell in the "Red Moon" company. The report further states that Miss Marshall is filling the place with credit and satisfaction both to the management and the public. Her many friends here are delighted with the news and they wish her continued success in the new role.

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Miss Davis attended the banquet at the National Negro Business League and met Dr. Washington. She thoughtfully asked Dr. Washington for some work and that she could be well recommended. In a few days, Miss Davis received word that she was placed at the famous Tuskegee Institute. Her many friends of this city are very pleased to learn of Miss Davis' appointment and wish her much success.

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"On to Tuskegee" during the Christmas holidays, is the slogan of a number of well known people in Cincinnati and Louisville. Mrs. Ford, Miss Jennie Porter, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. J. B. Cooper and Miss Mary V. Hicks of this city are among the promoters of the trip. They expect to get a Pullman direct from Cincinnati, coming through Louisville and go directly to Tuskegee.

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It has been permanently decided that the colored people will have an Eastern Library. The eligibles are Misses Jane Simpson, Lottie Houser and W. L. Ricks. The young girls have already cadeted at the library and are in line for appointment.

Both are graduates of the Central High and Normal Schools and are deserving young girls. We btlieve the Library Board would make no mistake in appointing either of them. They have come up to the full requirements of the law.

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The campaign continues to be lively. All the candidates have taken the stump. None of the challengers extended have been accepted and the boys are going for themselves. It may be well to remember that some years ago, Avry was nominated by the Republicans, Holt by the Democrats and Charles D. Jacobs by the Citizens party. Much to the surprise of the politicians, Jacobs was elected mayor. This may be the case with Tyler. A four-cornered fight is a hard proposition at any time in any man's town.

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Mr. Columbus Johnson, a graduate of the Central High School and Ohio State University, has been in the city several days the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mattie Johnson. Mr. Johnson is now of Cleveland, O., where he is running a successful drug store. Mr. Johnson forged his way forward in the business world and is now recognized as one of the leading young men of that city. His young Louisville friends are very proud of his success and while here he was given a cordial welcome among the best families of the city.

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The silver anniversary of the marriage of "Bud" Malone and Miss Esther Gohagan will take ploce Tuesday evening, September 25, at their residence, 448 Twenty-fifth street. Mr. and Mrs. Malone are well known people of this city and have a host of friends. They are remembered for their hospitality and courtesy to their friends. Mr. Malone has been one of the most popular barbers in the city for the past twenty-five years and is held in high esteem by both white and colored. He has cordially invited his many friends and it is expected that the function will be largely attended.

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The Central High school football team is down to practice. Prof. S. O. Johnson has been retained as manager and coach, with Prof. Harris, Clark and Jones as assistants. While the team is lightner now than ever, yet it is expected that the coaches will make it one of the strongest teams ever sent out from the school. Quite a deal of enthusiasm is being manifested since Prof. Johnson has taken charge of the squad. Most likely they will go to St. Louis, Nashville and parts of Kentucky. They are scheduled to play the big Sumner team at St. Louis on Thanksgiving. Already a party of young girls are planning to go with the boys to see that the youngsters return victorious.

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Indications are that the outlook for an excellent year at the Y. M. C. A. is very bright. Mr. C. H. Bullock, secretary of the association, is planning big things for the next few months. Next Thursday, an effort will be made to secure 100 new members. This ought to be easily accomplished. It can be done if the citizens and members of the institution will hustle for the required number.

Mr. Bullock has worked faithfully in securing subscriptions and donations from white friends and it is up to the colored people to secure the new members. With a pull and a pull together, we believe this can be done. Ninety-nine more is needed.

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Prof. James R. Harris, of the chair of History at the Central High School, will give a departing dinner to Mr. G. P. Hughes, who expects to leave soon for the west. Mr. Hughes has been a merchant tailor in this city for quite a while and succeeded wth Mr. Stum in building up a fine business. It is not definitely known as to how long Mr. Hughes will be gone, but his friends are wishing him much success. As an evidence of the esteem in which he is held in this city, the departing dinner will be a compliment to his worth and work, and on the occasion of the dinner toasts will be said by those who know him best that will give him cheer and encouragement prior to his departure to the new western fields.

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We were somewhat stunned last week when one of Louisville's rhetoricians took occasion to criticise the rhetoric that appeared in the daily papers, the article coming from us. Prof. J. E. Givens may be a graduate from Yale or Harvard, but he may know bu little about how to write for a newspaper. The ability to boil down and write with common sense and not to use college language with flowers and boquets, is an axiom of the newspaper office. Prof. Givens seems to be a vain rhetorician, inflated by the verbosity of his own pomposity. He is a rhetorican who never writes, an orator who never speaks.

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While in the East, Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore had the pleasure to witness several performances of the Cole and Johnson Company. Dr. Lattimore states that the "Red Moon" is better than ever. We are glad to hear such good news. No city in this country gives Cole and Johnson a more hearty reception than the Falls City. People of Louisville appreciate high-class shows and they turn out in large numbers. We learn that the "Red Moon" is booked for Louisville Christmas week with Mr. Sam Corker, Jr., in advance. It almost goes without saying that "standing room only" will be the sign hung out each night of the performance. "Uncle Bob" and Mr. Johnson are great favorites in this city tnd we wish them great success during the present season.

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Mrs. Toney Jackson, of South Shelby street, entertained at whist on Monday in honor of Mrs. Ida Nugent Paye, of Virginia. Mrs. Paye was formerly a teacher in the public schools of this city.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the Bachelor's Club, of which Mr. William E. Viney is president, of Indianapolis, Ind., to be present at the assembles on Friday night, October 1, and the last Friday night in October, November and December, 1909, and January, February, March, April and May, 1910, at Odd Fellows' Hall. We wish to thank Mr. Viney and members of the club for the kind remembrance and most likely we will be present at one of the stated occasions. The organization is held in very high esteem in the city of Louisville and those who have received an invitation regard it as a very high honor.

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The report is current that if Mr. W. L. Ricks is a unanimous success as principal of the Central Night School, something else is in store for him. The report runs that he is in training for a principalship. If this be true, then next year we will have another good school scramble. Public opinion will be called to judgment and all the principals will be wondering who will have to go.

For one, we would rather see the lawyer at the bar, using his university and legal training there, rather than see him in training for a principalship. Mr. Ricks is very friendly with Prof. Marks, superintendent of Public Schools, and that Mr. Ricks knows the game of politics, was demonstrated by the ease with which he got into the good graces of the appointing trustees. We shall watch the progress of the campaign with eagerness and give the news of the public schools as it transpires weekly.

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Mrs. Ed. Lee, who has been the assistant manager at the colored Theater ever since it opened, has taekn to the stage. She appeared last week in a one-act comedy and her acting was not only pleasing, but clever. She has splendid ability in this direction, having given the work a study for several years. Her appearance has elevated the local performances and has caused a new class of people to witness the nightly shows. It reminded one that they were in Chicago or some other city where colored theaters are a success. For a while the shows were not so good, but with the coming of Mrs. Lee and several other new faces, greater success may be seen at the Lincoln theater. It would be well for the management to advertise and let the people know that so good an actress can be seen at the theater.

CHICAGO BUREAU OF THE INDIANAPOLIS FREEMAN,

3106 STATE STREET.

DR. M. A. MAJORS, Editor. J. HOCKLEY SMILEY, Local Editor.
W. P. PERRY, Soliciting Editor. JAS. W. WOODLEE, Contributor.

Dr. A. J. Carey is cleaning up at the local church fair of Bethel. It is to be hoped that he will get enough money from the rich people of the white race to pay off the church debt without having to tax too heavily the colored women's washing brigade. Should Bethel Church be paid out of debt by Rev. Carey it will prove that he at least is entitled to some consideration. eW would not object to him becoming the editor of the defunct Christian Recorder. We have heard him spoken of for something far in advance to honors such as editor, upon which we propose to write at length when the time ripens and the occasion becomes auspicious. For the present we rejoice to see him getting "the dough."

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Dear Sire—In view of recent utterances of organized white asociations and meetings in Hyde Park and other parts of Chicago urging the adoption of measures to prevent purchasing and renting by colored people of property in these localities; urging separate schools and other measures for the segregation of the colored people in Chicago, a metting of representative colored men will be held on Saturday evening, September 18, at 8:00 p. m., in the rooms of the Appomattox Club, 3441 Wabash avenue, to make expression as may be fitting in relation to these infamous propositions.

You are cordially invited, and we hope you will not fail to attend.

Very respectfully,
John L. Frey,
Louis B. Anderson,
E. H. Wright,
Library Committee, Appomattox Club.

The meeting was held and there were staunch, strong and true men who spoke out of their manly hearts.

Judge Frye had written several letters to getntlemen who were present striving in moderation to blight the severity of criticism, anent his presence, and a speech he made at the infamous anti-Negro meeting. Major Franlink, A. Denison and Mrs. Fannie Barrie Williams have each written open letters severely criticising Judge Frye for giving his personal influence to such an organization in the very face of the infamous purpose for which it is operated. The great meeting at the Appomattox Club rooms last Saturday evening was presided over by Mr. Edward H. Wright and later by Mr. Beauregard Mosley, two of Chicago's leading Negro attorneys. The resolutions and ultimatum contained very strong words, which will hereafter serve as a warning to any man who lives in office or aspires to office by popular suffrage that 20,000 Negro votes at the poll on election day for or against him is a host to be recond with. It will put Judge Frye on his guard and we hope he will "never again" be seen at a meeting where careless firebrands attack the American constitution and threaten to petition to have the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to that great charter repealed.

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Once again ye correspondent has set sail upon that sea of matrimony. We've made the perilous trip and have took soundings, studying al the currents and streams of the melancholy waste. We've seen the storms and lightning and heard it thunder, and the Aurora oBrealis is one of our easy marks, and yet, withal, it is better that al lthe world should regard the family life as the ideal one. In spite of our fast , fears, doubts and tears we have never discounted the principles of our civic life, upon which all good must look for endorsement, that of the home and fireside.

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Any one knowing the whereabouts of Alice Slachmon Branch will kindly let me know at once. There is money awaiting her from street car accident one year ago. Address A. F. Cooper, 3128 Wabash avenue, Chicago, Ill.

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE.

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss:

In the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana. No. 18274. Lucy A. Avery vs. Edward Avery. Complaint for divorce.

Be it known, That on the fourth day of September, 1909, the above named plaintiff, by her attorney, filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, complaint against the above named defendant, Edward Avery, and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Edward Avery, is not a resident of the State of Indiana, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court and answer or demur thereto on the 5th day of November, 1909,

Now therefore, by order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him, and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 5th day of November, 1909, the same being the 5th judicial day of a term of said court to be begun and held at the Court House in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in November, 1909, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in his absence.

LEONARD M. QUILL, Clerk.
JAMES T. V. HILL, Attorney for Plaintiff.
8½ North Delaware Street.

Sickly Smile

Wipe it off your otherwise good looking face—put on that good health smile that CASCARETS will give you—as a result from cure of Constipation—or a torpid liver. It's so easy—do it—you'll see.

CASCARETS 10c a box for a week's treatment, all druggists. Biggest seller in the world. Million boxes a month.

The gifted clairvoyant, the great female wonder, born with the double (caul) veil. she is one of the old ancient Southern Clairvoyant of New Orleans. She is a living phrenologis and physiogomist. She tells plainly what you are best adapted for in life by reading your brain and mind. With a grasp of her hand she gives you a course of influence to enable you to overcome all bad luck. She has made thousands of homes happy. Read the fifth chapter, ix, verse of St. Matthew: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." She reunites the separated, makes peace where there is confusion. Your husband or wife or sweetheart will never forsake you, but will love you and marry you sooner if you will only heed this lady's consultation. Read what several ladies of your city say: "Yes, we believe her a Godsend to us. My husband and I separated over a year ago, and just think, since I called on this lady, he returned to me. We are together and happy." This young lady says: "The one I loved refused to call or write me. I called on this lady and we are now engaged." You can't afford to miss consulting this gifted lady. She is gifted to read characters. She challenges the world to excel her advice on love, losses, business, family and financial troubles. Reunites the separated, causes speedy marriage with one of your chaice. No cards allowed in her place of business. No one's ill wishes filled; strictly a Christian lady and depends entirely on her heavenly gift. If you are painful or ailing, think you have been witchcrafted, go to see her. She spent eight years in the jungles of Africa, and has traveled through 34 states doing good wherever she went. Read St. John, 9th chapter, 33rd verse, "If this man is not of God he could do nothing."

"I for one, as one in the midst. My heart ached from the cruel treatment of my husband and the way he would throw away his time and money, until I consulted this wonderful lady. It will soon be a year. Through her he has been a loving husband, and today he presents me with a lovely lot on which he will in the spring erect a home. Tongue can't praise her too highly."

Thousands are flocking to see this wonderful lady daily. Her powerful consultation when heeded has sent sunshine to the homes of all who called. Don't put off, but call at once, of you wish to enjoy future happiness. You may call all hours, also Sunday. Don't delay. Highly endorsed by all the press, teachers, preachers, lawyers and doctors and come well recommended by four the leading ladges, the S. M. T., United Order of True Reformers, also the Caalnthan Court. The church society of her home, known by the name of United Sisters of Charity of the Missionary church and loved by all. God has endowed her with an unspeakable blessing to aid humanity. She deals in nothing to be ashamed of.

This will appear only once a month.

MADAME McNAIRDEE-MOORE.
1103 North Senate Avenue,
Indianapolis, Ind.

DECLARATION OF JENNIE PEARL.

By SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

I'll not follow my John again
At minstrelling. Why, he's insane!
He knew well I'm a different girl.
I'm leading lady—
Jennie Pearl.

The critic said: "Entanglements."
I found it true in every sense.
My show life puts me in a whirl.
Poor leading lady—
Jennie Pearl.

Those darn'd old critics make me sick;
If I had my way I'd show them quick—
I'm a kind of a Hackley sort of girl;
A spirited lady—
Jennie Pearl.

I did not join Black Patti's show,
I couldn't think of that, you know,
To be a secondary girl,
I'm leading lady—
Jennie Pearl.

That interview made me so mad;
Poor jolly John, he looked so sad;
But I evaded, like a squirrel:
Me! Clever lady—
Jennie Pearl.

It mortified poor Billy King;
I saw he blushed like everything,
To se me tortured, and a girl;
Brave leading lady—
Jennie Pearl.

The Smart Set show is where I shine!
(I'm not in Goldie Crosby's line.)
Hear them sports cry: "That the Girl!"
The leading lady—
Jennie Pearl.

Mrs. Rastus Jones desires to hear from Mrs. Elsie Jennings. Address THE FREEMAN.

The Thompsons—Lizzie and Thomas—are en route with the Congo King Co. Regards to all friends.

Blind Harris, the musician, has just returned t othis city after a week's tour through the State of Ohio. He may return owing to urgent requests.

Mrs. Emma L. Foster Stewart, the dainty litle soubrette and leading lady, has closed with the Prof. Eph Williams Famous Troubadours and is now the guest of Mrs. C. Piccola Jones, of St. Louis. Both Ladies send regards to the profession

G. Horace Carlisl, of Carlisle and Baker, the colored aristocrats, will arrive in the States by Oct. 1. The team will put on their new romantic Negro musical comedy "Africana," with forty ladies and gentlemen, filling an engagement at London, Eng. It is in the interest of this project that Mr. Carlisle comes to America.

WHAT THE COLORED VAUDEVILLIANS ARE DOING IN NEW YORK AND THE EAST.

By BRADFORD.

Jones and Sutton are making good in Pennsylvania.

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Deas and Deas are out of the city, working all the time.

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The Clermontos, Frank and Etta, play Jersey City this week.

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The Bradfords did nicely at Labin's, Philadelphia, lost week.

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The Rays are working every week and making a big hit everywhere.

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Burton and Walk are doing fine in the east. They are both great performers.

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The Ashers, those great colored dancers, are booked solid with W. S. Cleveland.

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The Great English Hoop Roller and Queen Dora, fire dancer, are booded solid.

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That Billy Harper is doing fine. Billy is a fine comedian and a hit on any old bill.

Ringer and Bunch, two clever colored comedians, are still a big hit around Pittsburg.

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Dan Michaels is hitting them hard with the Majestic Trio. Michaels is a wonder in the comedy line.

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The Alpha Comedy Four report great success up New York State. Those boys are fast becoming York State folks.

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Jas. Burris, vaudeville's best pool player, has a tourney on with Frank Clermonto, a ssoon as he hits New York.

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Rastus Brown, our dancer, won a hundred dollar dancing contest by defeating some of the best white dancers in the east.

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The Reese Bros. have been playing around Pittsburg for nearly a year, making the biggest hits of their entire career.

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Al Watts' big show at Buschatzhes, was a big success. Well, Al Watts is a real good fellow and deserves the success he is having.

Chris Smith is busy nowadays. He is writing hit after hit and is a big hit in vaudeville. Well, Chris Smith is original. That's the answer.

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Cook discovered the north pole, but the writer discovered Cade Cook at Philadelphia last week. Cade is doing fine with hi ssingle act.

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The Wangdoodle Comedy Four have a valuable member in James Worles, tenor. Mr. Worles is one of our best tenors and a nice little gent.

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Tom Fletcher just left New York for Reading, Pa., where he plays a week's engagement at Wilmer Vincent's Theater, United Booking Time.

Wm. Carle, arranger for the Gotham Attucks Publishing Co., one of the best Negro arrangers that has ever been in the east. Think it over.

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Desmond and Bailey are making good everywhere with a very nice act. Miss Desmond's mother is ill at present writing, but is fast recovering her health.

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The Georgia Campers played a Sunday night concert at the Murray Hill Theater, and the frequenters of the Murray Hill will not forget them soon. They were a riot.

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Hill and Hill, that great colored act, proclaimed great by many nations, played at the Olympic Theater, New York City, on Sunday night and was the hit of the show.

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Brown and Sheftall have been very busy since they came over from Boston. The writer predicts for these clever colored comedians great success. Watch them.

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The Brooks Trio, Him, She and I, a new act in New York City, have a nice vaudeville offering and this act will be a hit around the east. The writer will write more about them when they have their initial New York opening, which they all ready have booked.

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The Bruces are a hit. When Bruce gets through dancing on roller skates, there's nothing for no O'Fay to do with roller skates. Bruce is the best I ever saw on skates.

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McKissick and Shoadney are still out around Pittsburg. Reports from their act pronounce them a Smoky City hit. The writer wishes to state that he is better looking than McKissick.

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The Prampins, Harry and Laura, played at Plainfield, N. J., last week and were the hit of the bill. Mrs. Laura Prampin is the best lady cmmettist, colored, that the writer has ever heard.

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Ritchie and Francis are working all the time. If Billie Ritchie ever gets his deserved chance in New York in vaudeville. He will make them all sit up and take notice. Billy is clever.

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Mrs. Edith Lemoniere is thinking very seriously of going in vaudeville in a single act. She is thinking of giving Tom a surprise party. The writer predicts success for Mrs. Lemonier.

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Smith and La Rose work all the time with an act hat is a little out of the ordinary. Miss La Rose is a winsome soubrette and John Smith ranks with our best colored vaudeville comedians.

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"Skip" Farrell, trap drummer supreme, is playing at Welsh's Rathskeller. "Skip" is the best drummer in the country, and he has an able assistant in Dennis Johnson, late of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels.

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The Carolina Four, a colored quartette with George Hamilton and George Hillman and two ladies, play at the opera house, Manchester, N. H., next week. This act is very good, and is booked solid.

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Vaughner, Patterson and Halliday have not lost any time since they started at the 14th street theater, a few weeks ago. This act is being favorably talked of by all the big eastern managers and agents.

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THE FREEMAN is the first colored paper to publish the C. V. B. A. special column and any one stealing this original idea are pirates. It will be well to also state that Bradford writes for THE FREEMAN only and the idea is his own.

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Well, I'm at it again. Jones and Black can dance a few. And that's no lie. I'm telling you. They danced before the king one day. And now they're dancing the I. B. A. Don't let Sam Davis see this one.

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The Jolly Prices are still keeping house in Boston and playing the near vicinity. Price's act is a good colored standard act and Price is a clever comedian. Go on, Price. You Bean City Kid.

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Murphy and Francis report big success from their recent tour of New England and by the way Burt Murphy flashes those hundred dollar bills he must have been getting the money. It is a great act and ought to get the money.

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John Rucker, the original Alabama Blossom, is arranging a minstrel show to play the big city time. John is a great minstrel man, having traveled with some of the best colored minstrels as a star. The writer wants John Rucker's history for THE FREEMAN.

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Geo. Epps, Yankee Doodle Minstrels, are playing the Dewey Theater circuit and are doing great. The act comprises the following well known vaudevillians: Geo. Epps, Miss Loretta, Geo. Williams, Will Ball, Eleck Stewart, Tillio Smith, Harry Hill, Jim Slater (female impersonator), Miss Glady's. This act plays the Gotham Theater, 125th street this week.

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John Jordan, the vaudeville drink mixer of Nail Bros,' Cafe, 450 Sixth avenue, was badly cut about the head and face on Sunday, Sept. 19th. He was busily employed in the cafe when a barrel blew up, owing to the high pressure on the same and he was cut by flying pieces of glass. He is now doing nicely and the vaudevillians hope he will be around again in a few days.

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Martin Fox's Alabama Minstrels played at the 177th street theater last week and proved a box office attraction and was pronounced a great show by everybody. Among the prominent people with this company are: Clemo & Robinson, acrobats; Claybrooks and wife, musical act; James Reed, basso profundo. The show is a straight vaudeville show and plays at New Haven, Conn., next week.

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Davis and Walker were the hit of the show at Henderson's Theater, Coney Island, last week. This act is one of the best acts of its kind in the East. Mr. Sam Davis is a great acrobat and his wife, Miss Walker, is a sweet voiced singer. This act was formerly with the Earl Burgess Stock Company, as a special feature. They have also played all of America's leading vaudeville theaters.

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Bob Slater has left the Georgia Campers and is thinking about doing a trio with his former partner and his wife. The act to be called Murphy, Slater and Francis. It would make a great act and the name would mean the best of bookings, if it materializes or not. The writer thinks it would be immense. Bob Slater is still arranging that big all colored girl-act for Berlin, Germany.

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Lemoniere and Wilson play at the Novelty Theater, Brooklyn, next week for Mr. Percy Williams. This act is rapidly coming to the front and they deserve it, as they write all their own songs. Among the song hits in their act are the following: "No, You Didn't; Yes, I Did," "Dear Old Moonlight," and "Honey Lou," all written by Tom Lemonier. This act is also doing great at Sunday concerts around New York.

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The Southern Quintette, composed of Fred Robinson, Susie Holmes, Chas. H. Anderson, Rose Robinson, Rawson and A. W. Greer, comedian, late of the Alabama Trio. Mr. Greer is a really original and funny comedian. The act plays next at the Music Hall, South Norwalk, Conn. They have played some of the leading vaudeville houses of the East. Below is a notice from a White Plains paper, where they played last week:

T E QUINTETTE MAKING BIG HIT AT THE ELECTRIC.

The fourteen hundred seats at the Electric Theater were filled last night when the Quintettes made their appearance. These five colored entertainers have an act that is full of life from the time the curtain goes up until it falls, and when it does the applause is so great that they are compelled to come out again and give a number of extra stunts in the line of fancy steps. They have a collection of the most up-to-date rag time songs which they render in a most satisfactory style, every number pleasing every one present. The leader of this Quintette is a show in himself and is one of the best leaders of any colored act on the vaudeville stage today. Spreitzer has by no little work arranged to have the Quintette appear again tonight and to any one who has not seen this musical act, it will certainly pey them to do so tonight, that is, if you like to be entertained with lively music, dancing and singing.

THE PEKIN AT MEMPHIS.

The Pekin is still doing good business, showing to crowded houses at every performance. The first part of the week Carrie Hall presented a three-act comedy, "Hannah from Savannah." The last part was also a screamer. Our stage manager, Happy Goodloe, presented "Too Many Wives." Johnnie Lee, our straight man, took several encores singing "Mandy Lane." Mr. and Mrs. Goodloe did "Dreamy Rag," which was a hit of the town. Our trap drummer, Harry Jefferson, married one of our soubretts last month, Miss Zenobia Cole. We all wish them much success. Mr. Ed Walker, our pianist, and Mr. Walter Williams, the cornetist, send regards to all their friends. Scott and Crosby closed a successful engagement with us last week. Rehearsals for the new show start Sept. 27. The name will be "Southern Belles." The bunch send regards to all in and out of the profession.

OMA CROSBY AND HER "KINKY GIRLS."

MAMIE SELLEY. BESSIE BROWN. OMA CROSBY.

Miss Oma Crosby's "Kinkey Girls" were seen at the Gaiety the week of the 7th of September. By the way, Miss Crosby has the distinction of being the first colored woman to head a team. Her team is of women only—three—Mamie Selley, Bessie Brown and herself. They made an imposing front, and took well with the audiences. Miss Crosby describes her act as "fast, furious and fascinating." It is every bit of that. They dance and sing well. The act closes with one of those weird, wild, barbaric scenes depicting a phase of a barbaric country. Here the impression was particularly good. Throughout their changes were rapid, their make-up good, their appearance winsome.

Miss Crosby herself is a most pleasing little personality off the stage. In her manners, conversation, she is all that could be expected. Very few women indeed are so delightful in their ways. Witty, intelligent, ready with repartee and the other little ins and outs of the conversation profession.

A rather strange thing about her career is that she began it right here in Indianapolis on the stage of the Park theater. Like so many of the stage people, she begun with Isham, who was one of the pioneer managers of colored show people. Since that time her theatrical career has been wide and varied. Her principal work has been in vaudeville, which she prefers, because her opportunities are better. She has been with the "Black Patti" company, was with the Pekin Stock Company of Chicago for over two years where she was one of the famous "Pekin Ponies."

Miss Crosby was one of the original Billy Johnson's "Dusky Valentine Act," was with Matt Marshall, then followed her own act. She has opportunities to go to Europe which she thinks to take advantage of later on. The team is solidly booked for the season.

Miss Mamie Selley is a little soubrette secured from the Pekin Stock Company. She is an Atlanta (Ga.) girl, makes a pretty stage figure, dances gracefully. Miss Selley is young in age and in the business also, yet she is making good, and with a great future in front of her.

Miss Bessie Brown was formerly of this city. Miss Crosby ran across her in Dayton, O. She is styled the "Eccentric Mammy"; her singing has already been referred to; her movements are bat-like, helping the canniners of the scene.

"DEHOMEY!—BROADWAY IN CHICAGO."

We are the people and we are just bursting this boulevard wide open with joy walks and strolling and we won't have any more winter weather, Hoo Ray!

Well, the war among the shows have raised a flag of truce for a while, but a short while only.

The Chester Aumsement Co. raised another flag Saturday night over our banner house, the Dehomey. The funny part of it is that Perrin and Crosby open the house. This act has Dehomey it's way. Can play any house along the stroll, no matter what they do, as the public is with them and storm the house every time they appaer.

Mr. Lester Walton, dramatic editor of the New York Age, dropped off in Dehomey for a few moments and stayed forty-eight hours. What a time! Mr. Walton made lucky time where here. Long lost book of the beginning of the Negro in the show business. Mr. Walton will write a book in the near future in three sections by different writers and edited by Mr. Walton.

The Chester Amusement Co. has thrown a bomb in the local show circles by importing twenty acts from New York to play their houses.

The Temple Theater of New Orleans have simply thrown the town in a panic by the prices they are paying. Big wheel salaries. Railroad fare both ways. Let us hope they keep it up. It's good for the business.

Tobe Brown, the great cornet player, has thrown down the gauntlet as far as Kentucky is concerned. Mr. Brown brought his troubles to an end at the Lexington Fair. Mr. Brown gives this much for news, that he had been misinformed, that he refused to play with a bad band and poor salaries. He gives the same reason for not playing the Louisville Fair with added trouble. The band that was to play the Louisville Fair used his original band name, but not his original men. Mr. Brown packed up and left for Chicago where he will locate and organize a band and orchestra. Mr. Brown has not any grievance against the public at large, and thanks them for their past favors.

Miss Abbie Mitchell, who is playing an engagement here at the American Music Hall, feels very embarrassed over the gossip of idle talkers about her sudden change from the Red Moon to the vaudeville stage and wishes to put the matter clearly to the public. First, she did not have any trouble in any way. It was no secret she was dickering with William Morris about booking her in vaudeville. It was only the difference of money. "It was understood that I was to close as soon as matters were arranged. There was not any trouble at all between Mrs. Aida Overton Walker and myself. We are good friends; have worked before in the same show and our acts are entirely different. Here it is in plain words. My life's ambition has been to be in vaudeville alone, so I am in and as happy as I can be. My husband, Mr. Will Marion Cook, will make the tour with me, personally conducting the orchestra at every performance that I appear."

THE ARCADE THEATER AT ATLANTA, GA.

Under the management of Mr. C. P. Bailey, has just been remodled. It has been furnished with 350 pluh seated opera chairs, new orchestra pit and new stage and scenery. Mr. Bailey spared no time in spending money in repairing his place and now has the prettiest colored vaudeville house in the South at the cost of $5,000.

Prof. Eddie Butler, pianist, and Mr. J. E. McGarr, trap drummer, are furnishing the music.

DEATH OF MARIE BELL TUTT.

Marie Bell Tutt, wife of Homer Tutt, now touring the South with the Smart Set Co., died at her mother's home, Beloit, Wis., Saturday, September 18. Mrs. Tutt contracted a heavy cold while playing New Orleans with the Black Patti Co., which rapidly developed into tuberculosis, which resulted in her death. Mrs. Tutt was 20 years of age. She is mourned by her husband, Homer Tutt, mother and father, two sisters and a host of riends.

FIDDLER AND SHELTON AT THE ORPHEUM, LINCOLN, NEB.

The Orphelum last night achieved the noteworthy fact of sending a crowded house away pleased and happy after presenting a bill short two numbers. Owing to a failure in train connections Moffett and Clare, down for the opening singing and dancing act, and Londe and Tilly, whose gymnastic feats are expected to be the sensation of the week, failed to arrive in time to go on the stage. That the show seemed a full bill in spite of the ommissions was due largely to the cleverness of Fiddler and Shelton, those boys who sing, play the piano and impersonate," who used twice the time ordinarily allotted to a colored team. After they had done their regular work and thrown in a minstrel show for good measure the house was still screaming for more.

The boys saved the show all right and received due honor for it, even if they are not the headliners of the bill.

REFUSED TO MAKE A SUIT OF CLOTHES BECAUSE HE WAS A NEGRO.

Robt. C. White, manager of the Darktown Swells, while showing in Charleston, W. Va., ordered a suit of clothes Monday from the woolen mills that was to be ready Saturday evening. Saturday at noon he was sent for ald told by the manager of the Woolen Mills Tailoring Co. that the mills had refused to make the suit. White questioned the manager, and was told that they had received word from the mills that the pattern was too gorgeous and that they had stopped making light clothes for colored people, and he showed White a dark pattern, but White refused and demanded his money that he had deposited, and he got a good colored lawyer and brought suit. The case was compromised for $25 and $10 White had deposited in addition.

THE MUSICAL ACROBAT AS PAN HANDLE PETE.

While playing Glenwood, Minn., I met the Frank Mahara Minstrels. The boys all looked fine. I was guying up my tent when several came up the street. I was recognized at first sight by the bunch, for my make-up is just the same as they saw me last. I was glad to see a professional bunch together; it looked like old times to me. Mr. Mahara carries a fine band and a minstrel performance new and up to date. I saw the entire performance and it looked good to me, and I'm hard to suit. Hip, hip, hooray for Mahara. I also serenaded Jim Hill, the railroad king, at Shakophee, Minn, with my snare drum. Afer his speech he gave me a hand and a pleasant smile as he rode off in his automobile.

OMA CROSBY ENTERTAINS HER "KINKY GIRLS."

Miss Oma Crosby gave her young ladies a splendid treat Sept. 15. She hired a tSudebaker ouring car to convey them from Washington, Ind., to Vincennes, en route to Carmel, Ill., where their act was a big hit at the Orpheum Theater. During the week of Aug. 30 the girls filled an engagement at Detroit, Mich. While in the city Miss Crosby, her mother, Mrs. Anna Patterson, and little son, Master Kenneth Brown, of Peru, Ind., were the guests of Mr. David D. Roy, one of the best known and most congenial hosts of the beautiful city. They were also guests of honor of an auto party touring Belle Isles, taking dinner at the Club House. Miss Crosby will spend a few hours with Mr. Roy and friends tomorrow and will join her company at the Lyric Theater, Robinson, Ill., on Monday. This little company of ladies is booked solid for the season.

THE DARKTOWN SWELLS.

Robert C. White, Manager and Sole Owner.

We are on our Southern tour and in each and every town the show is an instant hit, justifying in every respect reports which exced it on our former Northern trip. The funmakers are as follows: Wm. H. Fountroy is doing well with his new song, "That's Plenty;" Mose Kelly, old man delineator; Brooklyn Kid Smith is still knocking and bouncing on the boards with his head. Christopher Leftus and Ernest Callaway are also doing well. Then comes Mrs. Estella White, who is portraying the principal character and making good with her eight songs. Miss Mayfield, Julia Olden and the other girls are doing well. The chorus is also doing fine. Wm. Mayfield, band leader and one of the funmakers, is doing excellent. R. C. White made the band a present of new uniforms, and they are beautiful, and at the same time presented them with ten new pieces of music. Well, we almost forgot Father J. T. Cox, our snare and trap drummer, who is playing on a $100 set of traps. Jerry Martin and Plantation sailor is here. Lummie Ratcliff and Joe Hagermon write. Regards to all friends.

STRAIGHT DOPE FROM SEATTLE.

Melancholy days have come,
The saddest of the year,
But here in old Seattle
There's no regret to fear.
Dixieland, dear Dixieland,
We'll givt thee one more cheer,
For in a few more days we'll be
Many, many miles from here.

Wednesday Sept. 15, was cross day for straw hats and white shoes, as is customary among the theatrical profession. The warning sign was in the lobby o fevery concession on the "Pay Streak." Some did not take heed, consequently the cross walked the same night and more than a hundred straws and canvass trilby protectors furnished a bon fire as an amusement in the rear of the Igorrette Villageon Thursday. A certain newspaper critic failed to understand the joke until Arthur L. Prince was interviewed to explain the situation of affairs, then, oh my, what a cartoon in the "Evening Star."

As the closing time is drawing near and every one is figuring on their future etngagements. If the Dixieland Amusement Co. fail to furnish that return transportation to Chicago as per their agreement, then what a time? What a time? What a time walking over the mountains. What a time!

All hands an dorchestra will play that all familiar tune "Home, Sweet Home." The tune will sound very sweet to those who saved their dough, but the crap game plungers and the joy riders will have aching hearts.

Leon W. Marshall, manager of Dixieland, will organize a plantation show and travel south into California and Culligan, and Lacy will have a Georgia Minstrels and beat it up through Canada.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington has arrived in the city and will visit the fair.

PITTSBURG SHOW SHOP.

By JASSIMINE.

Now that the hot spell is about over things are going along fine on the Avenue. We are having the finest kind of weather.

A. Guy Truely, the popular little trapdrummer, after having spent most of the summer in Chicago, has returntd to the city and is now located at the Star Theater.

Mr. J. Edward Lain, he well-known 'celist with eBatty's orchestra, has just finished two very good compositions, one of them a very pretty waltz which he has named "Blandenia," and "Tht Jassimine Rag," dedicated to the writer. They are now being published by the Western School of Music Publishing Co.

Vaudeville has about lost its hold on the Avenue, for a time at least, as stock companits are now the craze. The Lyceum Theater closed its doors a little over a month ago, and the Fulton and Star have got permanent stock companies. The Fulton, under the direction of R. G. Baker, and the Star, under Ed. Winn.

The Brittons played at the Kenyon, Pittsburg's newest and prettiest vaudeville house last week, and were one of the "hits" of an exceedingly well balanced bill.

Burton and Watss, the clever comedians, now with the Murray and Mack Co., spent last Sunday n the city and report continued success.

Foster White, the popular pianist with Beatty's orchestra, has just returned home after a two weeks vacation in the East, and is looking the very picture of good health.

The Fulton, the most popular little playhouse on the hill, has been remodeled and repainted and once more presents a beautiful appearance.

The First Brigade Band is now in rehearsal making preparations for the winter series of concerts which are being looked forward to with great interest.

The Municipal Orchestra recently organized under the direction of Prof. C. W. Striplin, is making preparations to give a series of sacred concerts at the different churches in the city. The members of the orchestra are: C. W. Striplin, director; H. C. Waters, R. S. Lethwick, F. Hawkins, violins; W. S. Anderson, Mr. Lee, second violins; D. E. Sawyer, viola; J. E. Lain, 'cello; J. F. Nolden, flute; J. W. Myers, J. Beatty, cornets; Wm. King, trombone; R. A. Bush, piano; Wm. Butler, drums, bells and tympani.

The Star. Ed Winn's Stock Co. presents this week "Scenes in a Curio Hall," and are well received. Dick Meggs, one of our young comedians, is coming along fine, and before long we expect to see him secure a good partner and go into vaudeville, where helongs. Other members of the company who acquitted themselves nobly were Walter Jones, Chester Jordon, Lena Snowden and Marie Anderson. All in all it is a very good show, well worth the price of admission.

The Fulton. "The heir From Georgia," is presented by the Fulton Stock Co. in a creditable manner. Earl Walker, the comedian with this company, has the making of a good performer, all he needs is the proper experience, as his main fault, like most young performers, is that he is inclined to overdo his comedy as well as interfere with the lines of the other members of the company. The rest of the company is far above the average, in vocal work especially. Along this line G. Harry Bolden and Miss Fannie Jackson carried off highest honors. The playet is staged by R. G. Baker and ine one of the best offerings seen on the Avenue for a long time.

PEKIN THEATER, CHICAGO, ILL.

The Pekin, Chicago, Ill., continues to offer the biggest and best vaudeville shows on the South Side. The bill for this week consists of five big colored vaudeville acts, all brand new ones. Joe Jordan and his nine Pekin Graduates, head the bill. This act consists of musicians, singers and dancers. The act opens with Ras. Jones, the well known tenor singer, singing "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia." Miss Lena Mitchell captures the audience, singing, "I Want Someone to Love Me all the Time." Howard Jeffries scored a great success with his song, "Sweetest Tunes of All. The feauture of the act is Evelyn Joyner, singing, "I'm Going to Exit," taking from six to seven encores nightly. The act is full of life and is a great big go for start to finish.

The remainder of the show consists of La Moto Phroso, the mechanical doll; the Finleys and Hopkins Quintette, Leroy Morton, comedian, and Chambers and Allen, sketch team.

ROUTE.

DIXIELAND MINSTREL CO.—Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 27-Oct. 2.

BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY CO.—Texarkana, Ark., Sept. 27; South McAlester, Okla., 30; Oklahoma City, Oct. 1, 2.

FIDDLER AND SHELTON—Week of Sept. 27, Des Moines, Ia.

BROWN AND HODGES—Week of Sept. 27, Lyric Theater, Jamestown, Pa.

RICHARDS AND PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS—Orange, Tex., Sept. 27; Conrod, 28; Huntsville, 39; Crockett, 30.

SMART SET COMPANY (Southern)—S. Tutt Whitney, comedian—Houston, Tex., Sept. 27; Bay City, 28; Wharton, 29; Victoria, 30; Cuero, Oct. 1; Yoakum, 2.

PAT CHAPPELL'S "A RABBIT'S FOOT CO.—Central City, Ky., Sept. 27; Princeton, 28; Hopkinsville, 29; Paducah, 30; Mayfield, Oct. 1; Fulton, 2.

AL MARTIN'S UNCLE TOM'S CABIN—Parkersburg, W. Va., Sept. 27; Marietta, O., 28; McConnellsville, 29; Newark, 30; New Philadelphia, Oct. 1; Zanesville, 2.

SUNNY SOUTH IN VAUDEVILLE—With Johnson and Wells, week of Sept. 26, St. Paul, Minn., Orpheum Theater.

BERT A. WILLIAMS CO.—"Lode of "Kole"—Chicago, Ill., beginning Oct. 3, for three weeks.

OMA CROSBY AND HER KINKY GIRLS"—Lyric Theater, Robinson, Ill., Week of Sept. 27.

P. G. LOWERY'S ENTERPRISE—With Wallace-Hagenbeck Circus — Perry, Okla., Sept. 27; Shawnee, 28; Pauls Valley, 29; Purcell, 30; Kingfisher, Oct. 1; El Reno, 2.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

Notice.—Persons whose names appear in the following list will kindly send for mail, as the names will appear four times and then returned to writer or dead-letter office. It would prevent delay if all performers would send route from time to time and letter could be forwarded at once.

Gentlemen's List.

Adams, J. D.	Mason, C.
Allen, A. G.	Lee, Wm. M.
Brooks & Wilson	Mitchell, Fulton
Bartlett, Pat	McSmithy, Mose
Beebee, C. W.	McCammon, J. H.
Collins, E. N.	Rue, Chas. E.
Crump, George.	Stewart, Richard
Dudley, S. H.	Taylor, George
Holden, V. P.	Taylor, Walter.
Henderson, Shelton	Townsend, Rev. J. M.
Jones, Rastus	Williams, Eph
Jones, Clarence Price	Wilkerson, Jas. H.
Jones, Andrew	Weaver, J. J.
Kemp, Bob	

Ladies' List.

Harris, Mrs. Chas. H.	Smith, Eva
Moore, Effie	Simmons, Madame
Ratcliffe, Louise	Vassar, Sallie D.

PEWEE
TRAMP JUGGLER
And Versitile Entertainer
BIG HIT WITH ROCKWELL'S SUNNY SOUTH

WANTED!
AT ONCE, A 1 performers who can change twice a week, for Pekin Theatre. Write, stating full particulars in first letter. Address all communications to W. J. Stiles, 7 Farm street, Savannah, Ga.

GEORGE ECAUD,
of Ecaud & Vila, has written a new sketch which made a big hit. Ecaud & Vila have closed engagements in vaudeville and are now open for engagements. Mr. Paul Vila made his biggest hit singing "Lonesome." Address Ecaud & Vila, 1572 N. Prieur St., New Orleans, La.

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For Carlisle & Baker's
BIG STUPENDOUS MUSICAL PRODUCTION
TO BE PRODUCED IN
LONDON, ENGLAND
25 Young Ladies and 25 Young Men,
2—Smart Comedians—2
ELIGIBLE SOPRANO SINGER FOR PRINCIPAL ROLES
PLEASE WRITE AT ONCE.
The raging popularity of this young colored team in vaudeville throughout Europe, has forced them to the front so very fast until now the Theatrical promoters of London have decided to place them at the head of what's to be the most expensive production of its kind ever offered on the European stage, with a run of ONE YEAR. Applicants in this company now being booked by
J. ED. MARION A.
Green & Brooks,
The Chester Amusement Co.,
Chester Theatre Bld., 32d and State Street,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

If Your Coat Collar
stands off at the neck or wrinkles across the coat below the collar, then it is time to try
W. C. HAZEL
Extreme Tailor, 333-5 Indiana Ave.
and get the proper fit and effect—500 domestic and 500 imported patterns to select from. Why do we win all prizes on extreme clothes? Ask us! Suits $18.00 up.

WHEN YOU'RE ON THE LEVEL.

Dedicated to the Members of the C. V. B. A.

By BRADFORD.

You don't need to be ashamed to look a man in the face,
When you're on the level.
And you feel all right in any old place,
When you're on the level.
You can grab a fellow by the hand and look him in the eye,
When you're on the level.
Care and trouble from youre face will fly,
When you're on the level.
If you treat your neighbor as yourself,
Then you're on the level.
When you lay all grievances on the shelf,
Then you're on the level.
It's no use talking, it's mighty fine,
When you're on the level.
And you'll find that you are welsome any time,
When you're on the level.

VAUDEVILLE AND OTHER COLORED SHOW MEN FROM PHILADELPHIA.

By BRADFORD.

Bailey and Teare played the Hippodrome, this city, last week and made one of the hits of their lives. All Philadelphia is talking about that clever colored duo yet.

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S. H. Dudley comes into Philadelphia every night. He is stopping with Mrs. Vodrey. His company is playing at Camday the show has a large advanceshrd sr den, N. J., Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The show has a large advance sale at Camden. All members of the company are well and Dudley's face wears that happy smile. The show has broken all house records everywhere and is now working like cl kwokcor e-ve-S. --G ay. working like clock work. The writer will see the show this week and letthe readers of THE FREEMAN know what the folks of Camden, N. J., think of it. Dudley has got a great show and a funny one. "His Honor, the Barber" has beat all house records by a close shave.

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The Alabama Trio, Simmons, Page and Greer, are the leading attraction at the Park Theater. These three young men are fast becoming popular in all the big eastern cities.

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WAKE UP.

They are still talking about Jones Grants and Jones at Philadelphia. That act was a riot in Sleepytown. South street, at night-time is one of the many interesting sights to be seen in dear old Philadelphia. The colored artist on South street is all that the word "artist" implies, as a man or woman has to be versatile to retain position on the street. There are several colored sows running on South street and they are all good and interesting. The writer visited each place and witnessed each performance and was delighted with every show. All the shows are patronized exclusively by colored people and several of the cosy little theaters are controlled exclusively by colored people. Each show has an orchestra composed of from two to five instruments and the music is good. All theaters have colored treasurers and also colored managers and employ from ten to twelve artists weekly. Some change acts twice weekly. They all lay claim to being the first colored theater in Philadelphia, but however, that matters not; they are all doing their share of business and all have got good shows, so that's enough. Among the theaters visited by the writer the largest was the Victoria No. 1, on South and Seventeenth streets. The writer also wishes to say that he was shown every courtesy by all the managers. The different shows' roster was as follows:

Moss & Black's Theater, 1714 South street, owned and controlled entirely by colored men. Messrs. Moss & Black are very fine gentlemen, and their place does a great business.

THE SHOW AS SEEN BY BRADFORD.

Opening chorus by company.

1. Cecilia Evans, soubrette, who sang "Sweet Emaline," to much approval. Clever little girl.

2. Chas. Wilson, a funny comedian, who sang "Peary's Got to Prove It to Me and Doctor Man." You will soon hear more of this clever fellow. He is a riot on South street. His dances are funny and his songs are great. That parody on the Jewish people of South street was a scream.

3. Meridith and Laura Alberta Turner. Miss Turner entered alone and sang "Cousin Caruso" and hit the South street audience hard, while Merideth sang from the audience. It was done pretty. Her next number, "I Want to Go to a Ball Game," was also well received. Good novelty singing act.

4. Miss Laura Taylor has got a good voice and sang "Dahomian Queen" in a catchy way. She went big.

5. Cecil Moore and Chas. Wilson then entered together, but Wilson merely brought Moore on because he left the old rag-time shrdletaoshrshrdlushrdlup satge immediately and Moore sang "Good Old Ragtime Song" and "Going Back to Kentucky," and made a tremenduous hit.

6. Then came Mamie Campbell, who is about the neatest little girl ever, and sang "I'm Just Wild About that Kind of Love," and to say she made a hit would be putting it mildly. She left them screaming. South street loves that girl.

7. Now comes the grand closing number and it was very funny and the audience laughed until it cried. It was written and staged by Moore and Wilson and was entitled "Going to the Ball." It was great. Among the general staff of this pretty little theater, those the writer met were the following well known names: Moss & Black, proprietors; Manuel Barcha, general manager; Mrs. M. J. Barcha, treasurer; Little Happy, trap drummer; Kid Merideth, pianist.

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Hello, we are now at Woodson's Theater, No. 1712 South street. Mr. Woodson's theater is also owned and controlled by colored people. Among Mr. Woodson's present company are the following clever artists: Mr. John Wright, comedian; Chas. De Van, Neal Matthews, Ermilena Satchell, and Lena Madden. The Tolliver Trio, singers, dancers, contortionists; Mr. Harry Davis, trap drummer; Old Ragtime, himself, pianist. Mr. Woodson has a pleasing show and is certainly making money. House is packed all the time.

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The Victoria No. 1. An excellent show. Chas. Meyers, comedian; Clarence Nugent, black-face comedian; Minnie Jackson, Indian impersonator, clever singer and dancer, good soubrette for a big company; Ruth Simpson, prima donna; Emma Smith, alto singer; Stella Weaver, soubrette; Chas. W. Phillips, general manager; Fred Tunsille, trap drummer; Carl Burton, stage manager; A. Clopton Johnson, assistant manager; Miss Bettie Scott, treasurer. The Victoria No. 1 is a nice place, doing to great business with a great show.

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Victoria No. 2, 1621 South street. Mr. R. L. Scott, manager; Mr. Chas. Raymond, acting manager. Among the artists engaged are the following: Mamie Hyers, Jimmie Green, E. Gray, Edith Briscoll, Miss Emma Trout, Al Moore, musical director; Randolph Gibson, trap drummer; F. H. Davis, leading comedian; Chas. H. Lewis; Earl Burton, stage manager; Miss Duncan, treasurer. The staff of the Victoria No. 2 are all very nice people, and are very pleasant and they desire to do the big business they are doing. Their show is fine.

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The Nickolet, 1426 South street. Mr. Jos. Dupree, manager; Johnson & Graham, stage managers. They are presenting an original one-act farce comedy at this popular little theater, entitled "Darktown Carbineers." It is a funny farce and well acted by a most capable little colored company, composed of the following members: Miss Josie Kelly, Miss Minnie Long, George Graham, George Barrett, Alameda Smith Brown, who just lately came back from Europe; William Green; Mr. Robert Winston, added attraction; Mr. John Johnson, strong man, and he is strong. Mr. Johnson pulled against seven men the night the writer saw his act and they could not budge him. Mr. Johnson claims he can pull against eighteen people. That's strong enough for anyone. The Nickolet is getting lots of nickels and the show is nice.

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Well, here we are at the Orpheum Theater, 1323-25 South street, and for a grand finale of all of Philadelphia's colored variety theaters the Orpheum is a little dandy. Wm. Crolley is on the front and William will do. This house gives three matinees each week and business is reported big. Matinees Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Mr. A. L. Speller, general manager; John Green, stage manager, Harry Ames, comedian; Joseph Outten, leading comedy; Tuttie Wells, soubrette; Jessie Robinson, Josephine Thompson, Minnie Reilly, Goldie Foreman, Little Smithy, Mrs. Jackson, pianist. The writer sees chance for great happenings in Philadelphia in the near future. Who can tell, there may be another Pekin Theater or one similar, spring up at Philadelphia. It looks good. Now, all you wise ones get your note books.

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Frank Clermont and Etta Miner, clever colored vaudeville pair, are at present appearing at the Unique Theater, Philadelphia, with unlimited success. The writer saw the act on Monday night and was pleased to see that Frank and Etta was the hit of the show by a large margin. This is one of the funniest acts in vaudeville. Both the parties are very clever artists in their respective lines and too much can't be said of Miss Etta Miner. She is the funniest colored comedienne on the stage today, and Frank Clermonto is one of the best of foils to this overly clever colored woman. This little write-up will let the dear redaers of THE FREEMAN know what one of America's greatest critics thought of this really great colored act. 'Phone 2817 Jackson.

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Mr. Robert Gray (colored), who has been a traveling companion to Nat M. Wills, the great monologue artist, for the past seven years, is at Keith's Theater, Philadelphia, with Mr. Wills. Mr. Gray wishes to announce to his many friends that he was married a short time and and is enjoying conuptial felicity. His wife was formerly Miss Belle Sawyer, of New York City. Mr. Gray is a perfect gentleman in every respect and an honor to his race and calling. I hope that he stays with Mr. Wills indefinately. Mr. Gray does not believe in race suicide, I am proud to say, and I know that Roosevelt will be delighted if he hears him say it like I did.

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Philadelphia has several of the large colored shows scheduled for appearance at the leading Philadelphia theaters later on in the season. There are also a number of colored vaudeville acts booked for early appearance ats at the vaudeville theaters. Philadelphia will get its share of the colored attractions this season, 1909-10.

THE THORNY PATH.

Being a Mythical Story of a Colored Vaudeville Artist's Trails, Hardships and Final Success.

By BRADFORD.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Say, partner, don't you know it's Saturday, and we don't know where we play at next week? Well, don't give up hope, old man, because we have often caught a disappointment at the last minute before now, but I don't think we will catch anything for next week. The above conversation took place in an actor's boardinghouse in New York City on Saturday, December, 1880, between Phil Johnson and Billy Smith, two clever colored comedians and song and dance artists of that time. Their act nearly always was the laughing hit of any bill they played on at that time. Hello, Phil. What's that? Wasn't that the door bell that rang? No, Bill, you're wong, it's only the landiady ringing the dinner bell, and by the way, Bill, how much board bill and room rent do we owe Mrs. Thompson? Oh, you know, Phil, it's just fifteen weeks, or \$150. Phil, how do you think we will ever pay it? Say, Bill, that's somebody asking for Johnson and Smith or I am greatly mistaken. See who it is and what they want. Why, look out this door and down the stairs. It's a messenger boy. Indeed it is, old man. I wonder what news he brings us. Hello, it's a wire from the manager of the Alabama Minstrels. He wants us to join his show at once, salary small, but sure, all right, and tell him to send tickets and tell Mrs. Thompson that we will send her that board bill, but what is the use, here's Mrs. Thompson now. Well, boys, I overheard your little conversation regarding my board bil, and I also heard what you told the mesenger boy regarding the tickets to join that company. Don't worry about that board bill, boys, I know you will send it to me as soon as you get it. Come right down to your dinner; it's been waiting for you ths past half-hour. Now don't worry any more about the bll you owe me, but send me my money as soon as you get it. You have owed me twice that much before and always paid me and you are welcome here as long as I have this house in New York. Their tickets were soon wired back and Johnson and Smith joined the Alabama Minstrels and played the one-night stands all season. They sent Mrs. Thompson every cent that they owed her and the next season found them back in New York town in about the same fix financially, as they were in the previous season. One vaudeville agent has told them they were great andalso added that he could get them some good bookings in vaudeville. They have decided to play vaudeville exclusively. They play the cheaper class of vaudeville houses of America year after year and never get no higher or no lower. It is now 1898, just 28 years of consecutive partnership in vaudeville, and they are still in debt to Mrs. Thompson, who still sticks by them through all their trails and troubles in vaudeville. They are sitting in a well-known New York colored cafe, when Bill says to Phil: Don't you know we are really worthy of success? Phil says, I know we are, but some folks are luckier than others, but I think they'll see us yet. If we could only get a good spot on some bill, I think we would be appreciated. You must remember in all of the twenty-eight years hat we have played vaudeville we have always had nothing but the worst positions on the bills we have appeared on. If we had have had the chances such as some other artists have had they would have discovered us twenty-eight years ago. Wake up, old pal; quit your preaching. Look at that clock. It's time for us to be getting around to the Broadway Annex. You know we go on at 8 o'clock. All right, cut it short, so long, fellows. See you again in a few minutes. You knwow we go on early and are off early. We'll go in about 8:30. They arrive at the theater all out of breath, but the stage manager meets them at the stage door and tells them: Don't get ready yet, because Jack Simpson opens the show to-night. They inquire of the stage manager the cause of this sudden change in arrangements. He tells them that owing to illness of the week's headline actress, Miss Neva Sanguay, that the management has decided to put the mon in her place at 10 o'clock p. m., for the balance of the week. Bill looks at Phil and Phil winks at Bill and says: Partner, here's our chance and we have been waiting for it for twenty-eight years. Now let's do something. They go up to their little 4th tier dressing room and talk over their act. Phil leans over their little make-up stand, while Bill sits on their trunk singular, as they only have one trunk between them, and says: Oh, I think the act is all right. You know, we never had an audience to appear to before in New York. Well, lets get made up. We have been so busy talking I had about forgotten the time. We go on next. They are all made up and standing in the first entrance of course, like most all colored acts, they work in one. The orchestra starts their music, their hearts are beating like trip hammers, they go out upon the stage and lo, the audience is laughing already, for they are indeed a funny looking pair, naturally so. They finish their opening song, the applause is deafening and the laughter of that well-filled Broadway house spontaneous. They tell story after story and the laughter is such as is only to be heard at a Broadway theater. They finish their act. They bow and bow and at last after much persuasion on the part of the stage manager and the continued applause of that big audience they are forced to make a speech of thanks and beg to be excused on account of exhaustion of their repertorie. The manager is at their dressing room door, smiling and he tells them that they are the greatest comedians in the world, white or black, and Bill winks knowingly at Phil and says: And old pal, it took them twenty-eight years to discover it, but their future is made. Next day their names appear in the electric lights, and their name is in everybody's mouth and large black type in the newspapers proclaims them headliners of the bill at the Broadway Annex Theater. Their salary jumps from \$60 to \$600 a week in a single night. It is now only a few days until Christmas, but this will be the most happy Christmas of all for Johnson and Smith because the old folks will get that long-promised present this year, and the mortgage on that home wil lbe paid and Phil's sister Vincella will get a new dress and hat and other fixtures because Johnson and Smith are headliners now and getting a real salary and it took them twenty-eight years to do it. They never forgot Old Lady Thompson and they made her a handsome present, and they still stop at her house. They seldom leave New York now, so great has been their success on Old Broadway. They have got an automobile now, but they still hang out with the bunch at Sail Bros.' Sixth Avenue Cafe. They are good fellows. They are wise, because they have seen lots of other colored artists come and go during the past twenty-eight years and they can now each sign a check for \$5,000 at any time and as Bill looks at Phil he says: Don't you know, Phil, we are doing the same act today that we did with those Alabama Minstrels. Phil says: I know it, Bill, but we are headliners now and are doing it on Broadway.

"JOLLY" JOHN LARKINS.

By BRADFORD.

Jolly John Larkins, with Black Patti, playing in "A Trip to Africa," was in New York City on important business last week. Mr. Larkins is undoubtedly one of the funniest colored comedians of the present day's crop, being up-to-date, clever and original in every way. Mr. Larkins is greatly missed in vaudeville, because he is one of those colored artists who always tried to make the colored artist a real feature in vaudeville. Mr. Larkins has a pleasant personality, being happy at all times to the nearness of jollity, wherefrom he derives the name Jolly John Larkins. Last season Mr. Larkins appeared alone in vaudeville at a salary of \$500 weekly on the larger Eastern vaudeville circuits, and

"JOLLY" JOHN LARKINS

was atremendous hit everywhere. Mr. Larkins wrote the entire book and lyrics of his present starring vehicle, and it is safe to say that the show will prove a big winner from a financial standpoint, as everything else has proven that John Larkins has been connected with. Too much can't be said of Mr. Larkins, as he has always proven an honor to the race and his profession. Mr. Larkins had some flattering offers this season to remain in vaudeville, but had already accepted his present engagement, and had to refuse them. Vaudeville loses one of her greatest colored stars, and musical comedy gains one of the funniest colored comedians in America in Jolly John Larkins.

MR. ROBERT WILLIAMS, BARITONE.

By BRADFORD.

Mr. Robert Williams is among the male members of this season's S. H. Dudley, "His Honor, the Barber Co." Mr. Williams is the leading baritone singer of that organizationa nd for tone and sweetness in ensemble or chorus, this young man's voice has a natural sweet register. Mr. Williams is a valuable acquisition to the company and is ap erfect gentleman on and off the stage. Mr. Williams is well known in Indianapolis and his uncle is Mr. Mike Wells, a colored business citizen of that city.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL'S REVIEW.

THE FEMALE FORUM.

Black Patti, nom de plume of the most famous singer of the colored race, known as Sissieretta Jones, has given us a new revival. This woman, who has occupied a very peculiar but important position as a star, has changed her schedule of time limit upon the stage this season by appearing for the first time in an operatic comedy. The name of "Troubadours" has been omitted, and a new comedy, by John Larkins, with music by Joseph Jordan, now serves as a hand-over to the eager public and the candy man. In the course of different installments of starhood which this most distinguished singer has passed through, there is but a matter of comment. There is no difference whether Madam Jones has been an extract grand opera star, a concert or vaudeville star, or a partial comic opera star; she has been seen to saatisfaction as a total sum of all. But the real fact in her position is that Sissieretta Jones is a Singing Star, and one of the few of any race now living who has been starred on the paramount value of her voice as an issue. And now that she has assumed an operatic musical comedy role, it will not be necessary for her to do a speaking part at all, as her's is the pedigree of a singer. Perhaps it will do well here to mention that several years ago Black Patti appeared with a cluster of grand opera stars, from Colonel Mapleson's Her Majesty's Opera Company, at the Pittsburg Exposition, and carried away the first honors.

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To-day seems to be the grand gala day of a varied assortment of leading ladies. They take their places according to the windmill of choice and financial activity. Aida Overton Walker is out with Cole & Johnson, prior to the day of her exaltitude, when there will be no further restrictions to hold her back from the limit of a spoilt child's pranks of becoming a star and one likened unto the gaudiness of an over-dressed baby doll. The advent of Mrs. Walker and her purpose in the Cole & Johnson "Red Moon" Company had completely disconcerted the charm of interest and luster of Miss Abbie Mitchell, equally as clever, if not quite so artistically attractive as Mrs. Walker, so Miss Mitchell has resigned from the company, and it is intimated that she would not serve as a second medium of entrancement right in the dust of Aida's overrated dancing. And, to add to the prestige of this, Miss Mitchell had been offered time over the Morris circuit of vaudeville houses at a higher salary than she was getting with Cole & Johnson. We sum it up like this: Abbie Mitchell has simply taken her wings and fled, and Aida Overton Walker has perched in the red moonshine of her rival's glare.

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I understand by a communication from Lester Walton that Jennie Pearl Larkins is once more back as leading lady for S. H. Dudley in Smart Set company number one. I was parading on the Stroll in front of the Chicago Pekin last July with Billy King, when we perchanced to meet Mr. and Mrs. Larkins. King and Larkins, who had not met for over a year, resumed a conversation. The Jennie Pearl who used to be so awfully fond of the critic who had flattered her and said she was pretty stood with a baby stare. She could not remember the critic at all, and besides, "one sees so many," sir, she said. When I had to inform her that really it was I, the critical party, she wore a frozen smile. In answer to an interview, she actually couldn't tell which way she would have to turn, and could neither affirm nor deny the Smart Set rumor. It was all so sudden, you doubtless must know, and so exacting a moment, as everything had to be measured right there and then or go on trial unmended. Miss Pearl's dignity no doubt had been aroused in having to bend from the position of leading lady and vaudeville star to the position of interlocutor during the summer run of Larkins' male and female minstrels at the Pekin Theater, and to be further jarred by the singing and dancing of such clever girls as Jennie Ringgold, Elvira Johnson and Goldie Crosby. But this is only a dream of the past, and, as the critic had said, entanglements. It is expected that by the time we see Miss Jennie Pearl as leading lady, as usual, with Dudley, the frost will be all thawed out, and she will wear her usual smile on the company's arrival into the Windy City.

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THE CRITIC'S STAGE NOTES.

Jerry Mills has joined the Black Patti company.

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That Lester A. Walton had made a call as the guest of Mrs. Booker T. Washington last summer is here repeated as social news.

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Miss Nettie Lewis has made a hit in her new "child specialties." She would be quite a drawing card on the Keith circuit, or even the Morris circuit, if she could get the big end of its booking, as the small end wouldn't amount to any more than to remain under the Green-Brooks management. One thing Miss Lewis must do, and that is to speak and sing louder in the larger houses.

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Napoleon Johnson, half brother of George Bailey, who is abroad, has been informed by Mr. Bailey of the sad news of their mother's recent death. Mr. Bailey is one of the sensible actors of the profession who saved his money and bought a home in Chicago, then married in private life and settled down. He now has a permanent position as trombonist in the Pekin Theater orchestra.

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The recent report that J. Francis Mores had lost his voice is lacking of foundation. Mr. Mores recently had an operation performed for a slight affection. The doctor, who was a specialist, pronounced the case as amply satisfactory after the operation, but Mr. Mores sought to fill two engagements one week after the operation, which resulted in his being ordered by his physician to take a rest. At last reports he was doing nicely.

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The Chester Amusement Company, established by J. Ed Green and Marion A. Brooks, and backed by A. W. Johnson, has come into play on State street, Chicago, Ill., controlling three houses of its own, and booking performers for other houses. In this new undertaking Mr. Green will have to keep a level head, and not let sudden success overturn his mental capacity, as heretofore. Performers who play on State street for a run will have to change their acts continually and sing a new song every week. This is the popular grumble with the Green-Brooks patrons already, and the mean critic who gets a free pass must stand the brunt of informing them of it, and all for their own good, too, in the bargain.

FRANK CLERMONTO, BANDMASTER, COMPOSER, PRODUCER AND VAUDEVILLIAN.

Being an Interesting Narrative of an Interesting Colored Artist.

By BRADFORD.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

You all know or have heard of Frank Clermonto, cornet virtuso and premier bandmaster. Well, Mr. Clermonto made his initial bow before the American public at Peru, Ind., in 1895, with the Wallace circus and remained with the Wallace organization for several seasons, attaining fame and experience. He next joined Rusco and Holland's, Richards and Pringles' Minstrels. After one season with that famous minstrel organization he became bandmaster and from that time on was bandmaster with Rusco & Holland's Numbers 1, 2 and 3 Companies. Clermonto's band was one of the best instrumentated bands ever perfected to travel. Mr. Clermonto has had several famous colored musicians in his many bands. Among the great colored musicians that have played under this famous colored bandmaster are the following well known names:

Ralph Nicholas, Fred Simpson, John Pittman,* Will Garland, now in England; Tom Lewis, Francis Castry, C. Anderson, Fred Campbell*, Manzie Campbell, Peter Stanley, George Baque, George Horace, Charlie Parker, Frank Patrick*' Joe Pleasant*, Geo. Haywood, Chas. Scott, George Rhone, Wm. Festus, Allie Brown*, wire walker; Chas. H. Hunter, last season stage manager with Red Moon Co.; Napoleon Johnson, at present with Ten Dark Knights Act; Pat Bartlett, now in England; Alphonse Guigease, Chas. T. Watts, Dick Hayes, Ed Farrar, John Moberly, Amos Guilliard, A. Jean Jacque*, Bill Jones, D. E. Perkins, Wm. Williams, Sam Foster, Blue Johnson, J. B. Tucker, Will Hayden*, Morris Jordan*, Joe Patton, Chas. McCurdy, Skip Farrell, H. Massengale, J. W. Tooney, J. Harris, Bob Pannell, Frank Jackson and others.

NOTE—The names that have stars after them are deceased members.

Deceased members are mentioned, though dead, but not forggtten. Mr. Clermonto has traveled with the following well known all-colored companies: Beasilly's Minstrels, Wallace Circus, Melroy Chandler's Minstrels, Georgia Up-To-Date Minstrels, Rabbitt Foot Eastern, First New York Production, Rusco Holland Gideon's Nashville Students, Richard's & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels, Rusco & Holland Big Minstrel Festival.

After closing in Kansas City, Prof. Clermonto joined his wife and embarked in vaudeville, after playing vaudeville engagements from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean. On their return to New York, the Clermontos were engaged by Mr. Jesse L. Lasky, who saw them playing at a leading New York theater. Right then and there Mrs. Clermonto became a feature of the Fourteen Black Hussars. After a tour of Europe, including Great Britain and provincial cities, and Holland, France, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, the act came to the U. S. A., and played the K. and P. circuit. After March the act closed very suddenly, March 16, 1908, at Keith & Proctor's 125th Street Theater. During four weeks of recreation, Mr. Clermonto looked over property that he had purchased at Lakewood, N. J., and Toms River and Davenport Heights, then returned to New York City, wrote and staged his present clever offering "Dem Two Black Dragoons," opening at Ceronimo's Lyceum Theater, week of April 20, 1908, playing North Beach and Coney Island till June 22, when they opened on J. J. Flynn's New England Park circuit with great sucess, then following with the Sheedy circuit, W. S. Cleveland's circuit, then some of Keith & Proctor's circuit, following with Nixon & Zimmerman's Theaters, booked by W. W. Taylor, of Philadelphia, then playing Park Booking Association, tour 1909 (summer season), to August 23d, closing at Lake Compounce, Bristol, Connecticut, opening over the W. S. Cleveland circuit, August 30, 1909, return engagement, week of September 13. While playing at Unique Theater across the street from the Lubin's Theater, the writer got this most interesting article for the readers of THE FREEMAN exclusively. His wife, Etta Miner Clermonto, was born in New Orleans, La., and has been identified with Coon Hollow Co., Black Patti Show, being featured with the above companies; also with Isham's Oriental Americans, Merry World Burlesquers, W. A. Brady and Lederer's Co., the Southerners, Curtain's French Maids and others. All music used in this act is written and composed by Frank Clermonto. Among the song hits that this famous colored bandmaster and variety artist has written are the following: "Inspecting Gal," "Jungle Glade," "That was My Baby Here and I Ain't 'Gwine to 'Vite You Here no more," in the Famous 1899 Freeman Waltzes, Songs by Sylvester Russell and Frank Clermonto as follows: "I'm Sorry, But You Won't Do," "Animated Song Sheet Man," "May Be Foolish, But Ain't Crazy," "The Sun Do Move," and several others.

Frank Clermonto is one of the few colored vaudeville artists who really has the real thing, plenty of money. He is also an active member of the C. V. B. A. He still mears that \$20-gold piece chain, and his wife has lots of good clear diamonds and Frank is not afraid to go home in the dark as long as he has those big headlights on.

Mr. and Mrs. Clermonto will visit their relatives at New Orleans, during the Mardi Gras Carnival. Mrs. Clermonto will see her sisters for the first time since playing the Crescent Theater with Black Patti, when the lamented Ernest Hogan had some trouble and closed in 1899. Mr. Clermont will see his Mrs. Frank Camille for the first time since 1903 with Georgia Minstrels. Mrs. Camille has a fine boy who can sing and dance.

C. V. B. A.

Special Notes.

By BRADFORD.

Notice—The Freeman, in instituting this special column for the C. V. B. A. Notes, once more demonstrates its claims to originality along this line of news. The Freeman is the first colored paper to give this deserving colored vaudeville artists' society a special column for their news.

QUESTION: What is the C. V. B. A.?

ANSWER: It is a benevolent society, formed in New York City, to look after sick colored theatrical artists and to bury the dead, and to produce a feeling of brotherly love among colored artists in America. It is an incorporation incorporated by the state laws of New York. It has a charter and is the only recognized colored organization of colored artists in the world.

It is not a mere bubble. It is a substantial real organization of real artists. It is for the betterment of the colored actor in general. It has able officers and is in good financial order. It has honorary members who can easily produce half a million of dollars, should the occasion require. The names of these honorary members will appear in this special column later on, but now to let you know some of the great benefits derived by being a member of this first original and best colored actors' society.

The C. V. B. A. takes in all sound actors (colored), big and little. No actor is too small fo rthis society and none too big. One man's voice is as big as the other's on all occasions. No clique tolerated in this great colored organization. Should a colored artist get sick anywhere, and is a member of this organization, why, he gets medical aid, and the best of attention from the brothers and his wants are supplied by the treasury of this organization.

Leon Williams is the president of the C. V. B. A.

Leon Willis is the president of the C. V. B. A.; Frank La Motte, secretary, and the eminent Doctor R. L. Cooper, medical examiner, and Lawyer Frank Wheaton is attorney for the C. V. B. A. Other officers' names will appear from time to time in THE FREEMAN, announcing deeds of worth, as performed by them. The writer is proud that he is in the ranks as an ordinary member and wishes to say that Mr. Knox proposed to him that he start this special column for the C. V. B. A., as he at once recognized the worth of this great organization, and the writer wishes to thank Mr. Knox for the members of the C. V. B. A. for the courtesy shown in this special column. I love my yellow journal, but oh you FREEMAN.

The C. V. B. A. has now close to 300 members, all in good standing, and the secretary, Mr. La Motte, receives letters daily from the members who on the road, voicing their pleasure at being members of this great organization.

The C. V. B. A. had a picnic a short time ago and had the largest crowd in attendance at the Harlem River Casino that ever attended a colored picnic in New York City or any other city in America, and their minstrel show, given by the members, is still the talk of all New York, but wait, they hold a ball at the Madison Square Garden the second week in January, 1910, and they already have people asking them for advance tockets. More will appear about this ball later.

Now to tell what the C. V. B. A. has already done among the colored actors of the east. It has drawn them closer together, it has made them realize that in union there is strength, it has made them help their little brother, it has made them speak kindly of one another, it has made them love each other, it has made them hundreds of good financial friends, it has made them men amongst men, it has made them adopt brother Harry Prampin's original latin idea, "While we live, let us live."

THE COLORED VAUDEVILLE ARTIST IN NEW YORK CITY—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

By BRADFORD.

The writer of this article first landed in New York City with is act in 1899—not the present act, but another attraction; but stop right there. This is not a history of the writer, but a little gleaning of the colored vaudevile artist of the past, present and future, in New York City, collected by close observation of my vaudeville brothers and sisters. There were not so many colored vaudeville artists in right when the writer first drifted into the City of Sighs and Tears.

Hodges & Launchmere were among the writer's early acquaintances and they were certainly in right at that time. The Beach shows at Coney Isaland gave employment to a vast number of colored artists and George Hammond was diamond king of Coney Island. At Little Coney Island the following season of 1900, Bob Slater's show was the talk of the town, being among the early real vaudeville shows composed of vaudeville artists, entirely composed of Slater & Murphy, Joe, Sadie Britton, Dick Franklin, Brandow and Arlington, and others at the time, but let's hurry over the past and into the present. The days of the big salaries and the Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association. What a vast change in things since 1900. In the old days everybody looked after self alone; today one brother tries to assist a less fortunate brother and lots of brothers are in right. The new era of the colored vaudeville in New York City is heavenly compared to other days; today they are more real on the level to each other colored vaudeville performers in the east than ever before in the history of the vaudeville game, and what does the future offer in New York to the colored vaudevillian? The popular prediction of the writer and all colored artists is that the future will afford continued good feeling and harmony among the colored vaudevillian in New York City.

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SPORTING NOTES.

By Harry W. Jackson.

Rah! rah!! rah!!!

Bob Hines is captain of the Herculeans football squad. The "Herks" want games.

Billy Wilson, of the Keokuk League, Ia., wants to close the season with some fast team. For references address 819 Main street, Keokuk, Ia.

Steve Murray, who claims the pool and billiard championship of Western Pennsylvania, has charge of the Thomas pool room of Pittsburg, Pa.

Nider Kelley, of Pittsburg, Pa., challenges any 134 pound battler in the country. Address Manager Frank Turner, 1622 Walnut street, Kansas Cty, Mo.

Kid Phillips, of Louisville, Ky., has returned from Memphis, Tenn., where on the 31st of August he knocked out Johnny Flynn in two rounds. Phillips is open to meet any lightweight in the country at 133 to 135 pounds. Any fighter desiring to challenge the Kid, address 219 W. Green street, Louisville, Ky., or the Phoenix Club, Memphis, Tenn.

The Sluggers, of Spartansburg, S. C., continue to add to their long string of victories more games. They have won thirty-seven games and have met but six defeats. The Gaffency Giants were the last victims to fall before the Sluggers, who won the contest by a score of 7 to 2. The feature of the game was the batting of Chris Thompson, who made four hits in as many times at bat. The Quicksteps of Knoxville, Tenn., recently lost a game to the South Carolina cracks.

WALL AND STEELE ON GREEN.

Ed Wall and Polo Steele, rival Negro boxing instructors, write as follows on the death of Joe Green, a New Orleans Negro pug; the first from Wall:

To the Sporting Editor of The News Scimitar, Memphis, Tenn.:

While reading through the sporting page of your most valuable paper I noticed the sad report of Joe Green's death, which brings back to my mind the hard and stubborn battle that I had with him in 1900 before the old Phoenix A. C. Joe, at that time, was considered by all sporting writers as the undisputed welterweight champion of th eSouth. He was brought here without notification by Paddy Tomlinson, a racehorse trainer, and Reddy Hamilton, who was a fighter of some note. After three weeks of hard training Tomlinson told Matchmaker Andy Mulligan that he had a Negro that could beat me any distance from an inch to a mile, and would be ready to fight at a minute's notice. The Phoenix club was holding weekly tournaments as they do now and the opportunity to get a man that could tow-rope me twenty yards was quite an interesting card, and the match was made without a hitch at 140 pounds the day of contest. On that night the S. R. O. sign was hung out by the club at 8:30 p. m. Tomlinson had tipped all his financial friends that Green was a wonder. Of course, they made him the choice in the betting. He was introduced as the undisputed welterweight champion of the South, and he certainly deserved all that was said about him, for he gave me the hardest battle of my existence. He was knocked down five times in the first round and went to his corner wabbling, but after a minute's rest he came back after me like a bulldog leaving a chain. The fight lasted eleven rounds, and every round was the same as the second, fast and terrific. I won in the eleventh with a hard right hook to the point of the jaw, and poor Joe took the count with tears in his eyes. That contest must have taken all the fight out of him, as he was no more good afterward. He and I became good chums after that. His death was quite a surprise to me, and I regret it very much, as I learned recently he was back to form again and intended coming to Memphis. But it is God's will, not ours; may he rest in peace. Yours sincerely,

ED WALL.

Polo Steele couldn't let Wall get ahead so he sent in the following:

H. T. McDaniel, Sporting Editor News-Scimitar:

Kind Sir—Regretting the loss through death of my ex-sparring partner, Joe Green, of New Orleans, I would have you kindly insert the following lines in your sporting columns: Polo Steele, physical culturist and boxing instructor, through The News Scimitar, sympathizes with the family and regrets the death of his ex-sparring partner, Joe Green, colored, of New Orleans, whom he asserts should have been the welterweight champion of the world.

POLO STEELE.

BOUT CALLED OFF.

Ketchel-Landford Bout Prohibited by New York Officials.

NEW YORK, September 17.—In calling off the Ketchell-Langford ten-round exhibition at the Fairmont Athletic Club, September 17, boxing in New York gets another setback, although the smaller clubs will probably continue to hold inferior bouts. But exhibitions between topnotchers will be passed up until the Fairmont Athletic Club is sure that it can give its members high class shows without a clash with the police.

The officials of the Fairmont Athletic Club expected trouble when the bout was first talked of, but they hoped to overcome the obstacles placed in the road by people who did not want the club in the Bronx to succeed. These so-called "knockers" set their machinery in motion two weeks ago by sending newspaper clippings to Governor Hughes.

When the club learned that the police intended to force their way into the building it called off the show rather than have indignities showered on the heads of the members.

Ketchel and Langford will continue light training, so as to be in good condition if some other club is ready to take up the bout.

Langford would like to box in Boston, his home city, where twelve-round exhibitions are sanctioned by the police. But Ketchel would never consent to box Langford in Boston unless he could name the referee.

Philadelphia may get the bout unless Jim Coffroth, of California, should come forward with a liberal offer for a twenty-round mill at Colma, Cal. This offer will probably come within twenty-four hours, now that the Ketchel-Johnson fight has been practically called off.

MAKES WISE SUGGESTION.

Leland's Plan of Settling Championship Dispute—$5,000 Side Bet.

Frank C. Leland, president of the Leland Giants base ball club, denies that the series in which the St. Paul Colored Gophers, the Philadelphia Giants, and the Kansas City, Kans., defeated the windy city team wer champsionship series. Each of these three teams claim the world's colored championship as a result of defeating the Leland Giants.

Leland writes the following:

Sporting Editor of The Freeman:

Sir—My attention has been called to a question asked through the columns of your paper. "Who is the World's Colored Champions?" the Philadelphia Giants, St. Paul Gophers or Kansas City, Kans., Giants, as each team has won a series of games off the Leland Giants."

My answer to the above is that the Leland Giants are still World's Champions and will remain so until rightfully defeated in a series of games arranged to be played for the title.

It is true the Lelands lost the majority of exhibition games played to the above mentioned clubs, but it must be remembered that not one of these games were played on the Leland's home grounds, but at each time the colored champions were visitors merely for exhibition purposes and at no time when I arranged to visit those teams did I mention anything about playing for the World's Colored Championship. Now to set all doubts at rest for playing for a championship, representatives of both teams must come together and arrange a series of games, an equal number of games to be played on each team's grounds. In case of a tie, the deciding game to be played on neutral grounds or either club's grounds by agreement, such games to be handled by neutral umpires and neutral scorers. Such not being the case in all the games played by the clubs claiming the colored championship, makes the Leland Giants World's Colored Champions and at times my team played were a very much crippled team, but with all the bad luck we have just won the Chicago League Pennant and at the present time is in good condition, and if the Philadelphia Giants, Kansas City (Kas.) Giants and St. Paul Gophers still think well of themselves, I will play any one of those teams a series of games for a sidebet of $5,000.00 and let the entire gate receipts go to the leading colored charities in the United States, setting at rest the much asked question, "Who is the World's Colored Champions." I remain, Yours truly, FRANK C. LELAND.

SAYS QUAKERS CHAMPIONS.

Sporting Editor The Freeman:

Sir—There seems to be quite a little discussion hereabout concerning who is and who is not the colored champion baseball team. I having been connected with the national pastime for ten or twelve years, and being a lover of fair play, am writing you so that your readers may learn just how the situation stands as regard my personal knowledge. I have played on all of the colored teams of note, with the exception of the Philadelphia Giants, and am personally acquainted with all the colored players of renown. I was captain if the Leland Giants of Chicago the first year they assumed that name, during which time they made the record of forty-three consecutive victories against all teams. I was also on the famous Algina Brownies, Chicago Union Giants, Chicago Unions, Cuban X Giants of New York, and the St. Paul Gophers, which team I captained and managed during its first season. In 1903 the Cuban X Giants, then known as the colored champions, played the Philadelphia Giants a series for the title. The Cuban Giants won the title in 1904, the year I was on the team. There was another series played at Atlantic City. It was to have been an eleven-game series, but after winning two of the three games played the Philadelphia Giants claimed the championship and have held it ever since. The Leland Giants have never been the champions, as they have never played or beaten a team for it. Last season they played the Philadelphia Giants a series of six games and split even—three games each. This season, having claimed the championship, they played the Gophers of St. Paul for the title, the games being advertised as being for the world's colored championship, and the Gophers won three games out of five. Since then the Lelands have lost a series to the Philadelphia Giants and also to the Kansas City Giants, so they have no claim whatever to the title. My contention is that the Philadelphia Giants are still the champion team, as they never lost the title to any one since winning it. They are all grand ball clubs and a credit to the race and deserve all the encouragement and praise they can get. Of the colored pitches, I have this to say: Walter Ball, of the Leland Giants is, in my opinion, the premier twirler of the year—hats off to Ball. As a fielding, pitching and hitting pitcher, he is in a class by himself. He is also very fast on the bases. Hoping that you can find space for this in your grand paper, I will close with best wishes and success to all the boys who are still in harness. Regards to them all. Very respectfully,

JAMES H. SMITH,
Chicago, Ill.

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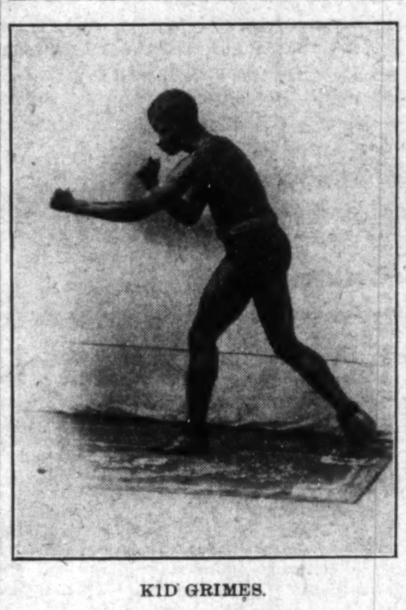
DETROIT, Mich.—Kid Grimes, of 286 Antoine street, desires to meet any 118-pound fighter in the country. Address in care of Elmo Jones.



KID GRIMES.

WIN THREE DOUBLE-HEADERS IN ONE WEEK

Pensacola Shaved for Five Games, Including Double Shutout—Mobile Loses Three Games.

Special to The Freeman:

PENSACOLA, Fla.—The Birmingham Giants took both games of a double header her Labor Day. Gilliard was on the mound for the visitors and was in his usual good form, alowing but three scattered hits. Score:

										R.	H.	E.
Giants	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0—4	7	1
Pensacola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0	3	2

SECOND GAME.

B. Taylor, the Giants southpaw and premier pitcher, was in splendid form in the second game and allowed only four hits while the local twirler was not quite so stingy, yielding six hits. Score:

										R.	H.	E.
Giants	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0—3	6	2
Pensacola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0	4	1

The Birmingham Giants had a walkaway with the local Tuesday, Sept. 7, on putting up a fast and snappy game, while the local club was at the mercy of Pinson's great curves. The score:

										R.	H.	E.
Giants	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	1—7		9	0
Pensacola	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0—3		4	1

The Birmingham Giants clearly showed that they had Pensacola outclassed on the 8th by defeating them in the second double header of the week. Gilliard pitched the first game for the Giants and had the locals batting like a lot of girls, while the visitors' famous hit and run game enabled them to cross the pan nine times. Score:

										R.	H.	E.
Giants	3	0	2	0	1	2	0	1	0—9		11	2
Pensacola	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0—3		4	4

SECOND GAME.

The second game resulted in the greatest pitchers' battle ever seen on the local grounds between the Giants' big south paw, B. Taylor, and Hudgins, the midget Pensacolas. While the honors were about even between the opposing twirlers, a hit by Bingham and also a stolen base and a hit by B. Taylor won for him his own game. Score:

										R.	H.	E.
Giants	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1	3	0
Pensacolas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0	2	1

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MOBILE, Ala. — The Birmingham Giants defeated the Mobiles Tuesday, September 9, in a ten-inning pitchers' battle between Pinson for the Giants, and Turner for the locals. Both pitchers kept the hits well scattered, but in the tenth, Moore, the Giants' fleet-flooted left fielder, beat out a bunt and then exhibited his ability as a base runner by stealing second and third on the first two balls pitched. Then Houston, Birmingham's short fielder, singled and broke up one of the most exciting and hard-fought games of the season. Zimmerman, the Mobile shortstop's work was easily the feature. The score:

											R.	H.	E.
Giants	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1—3	5	5
Mobile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0—2	6	1

The second game of the series between Mobile and Birmingham was played Friday afternoon, Sept. 10 before a small crowd which was well repaid for its time and money. The features of the game were the playing of Zimmercan at short for Mobile, a one-hand catch by Scotland, centerfielder of Birmingham. Taylor, of Birmingham, got four hits in as many times at bat, stole four bases and made three of the four runs for his club.

	R.	H.	E.
Mobile	6	7	6
Birmingham	4	6	6

Stolen bases—Taylor, 4; Jones, Ward. Double plays—Davis to Turner; Ward to Turner; Zimmerman to Rives. Mase on balls—Off Ritter, 2. Struck out—By Ritter, 7; by Gaillard, 3. Time—1:50—Umpire—Thomas.

The Birmingham Giants proved beyond a doubt that they are the masters of baseball in Dixie by defeating the local club Sept. 11 in a double header, 9 to 5 and 8 to 2. B. Taylor pitched the first game for the Giants and won it with ease, but he and his team mates grew careless in the seventh and eighth innings and let in five runs, but they had piled nine runs in the previous frames and the game was never in doubt..

Pinson pitched the second game and was steady throughout, while Mobile could not check the onslaught of the hard-hitting Giants, who had got their batting eye fixed on the ball early in the first game. Mobile used all her pitchers in the last game, but the visitors piled up eight runs in six innings just the same.

From Birmingham's Camp.

Fred Zimmerman, Mobile's shortstop, is a great man in that position.

Jas. Goldstucker, manager of the Pensacolas, says he is determined to get a club together that can defeat the Birmingham Giants.

The Giants hereby issue a challenge to the Louisville Cubs for a series of five games to settle the championship of the South. Games to be played anywhere.

L. S. N. Cobb, the Giants' catcher, is destined to be without a peer in a few more seasons. He has thrown out twelve of the last fourteen attemtps at second.

"Deerfoot" Moore, the steady left fielder always keeps the opposing team guessing; he lays down a but when the other fellows expect a hit and he hits when they dash in for a bunt.

C. Taylor very likely established a world's record Sept. 10 at Mobile by making four clean hits out of four times up; stole four bases and made three runs.

Joe Scotland is still pulling off sensational stunts in center field.

Bingham, the Giants' fast little right fielder, on going from first to third on a single to right field, at Mobile Sept. 11, was hit on the back of the head with a thrown ball from right field to catch him at third. He scored on the throw. The boys called it "head work."

SPRUDELS CLOSE SEASON.

French Lick Plutos Last Victims—Lose by Scores of 8 to 3 and 4 to 3.

Special to The Freeman.

WEST BADEN, Ind.—The West Baden Sprudels beat the French Lick Plutos Friday and Saturday of last week in two well-played games. Brown, West Baden's old reliable, only allowed the Plutos four hits in the first game, and Sanford, who is always a puzzle to the Taggarts, only allowed them five in the second game. The Sprudels have a good team at present, and Manager Burnett regrets that the season is near an end. Webb, who has played star ball for West Baden all summer, will go back to his old home at Anderson, Ind., the first of the month. He is considered the best first baseman West Baden ever had. He is desirous of getting on with some good team next season. "Skinny" Williams, who has been starring for West Baden as utility man, will got to his home in Cairo, Ill. Sanford will got to Minneapolis, where he is to play with the Keystones next season. George Brown, the Sprudels' timely and reliable bunter, will go to Louisville, as he was only borrowed from the Giants. Jones also will go to Louisville to play with the Cubs next season. Coleman, Louisville's favorite ball player and former captain of the Giants, will retain his old position as "Captain Cola behind the bat." Manager Burnett is contemplating having the best team in the West next season, and hopes to turn out a few more, as he did this season to the Lelands.

First game:

West Baden	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0—8	
Plutos	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2—3	

Second game:

West Baden	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0—4
Plutos	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1—3

LELANDS BEAT ALL-STARS.

Kansas City Team Hit Hard, but Not at Opportune Times.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Kling and his all-star Kansas City team closed a week's engagement here with a defeat at the hands of the Leland Giants, the colored men winning, 6 to 1, at West End Park.

The downfall came in the second inning, when "Chic" Fraser dealt out a pass to Booker and was rewarded by having Mike Moore sting one to deep center for two bases, Booker scoring. Three short hits to right field scored another and filled the bases. Then Kneaves booted an easy out for the remaining two runs of the inning. In the sixth another pass off Fraser and Green's second hit put another run home for the Giants.

The Kansas Citys outhit the colored winners. Nichols' single and Fraser's double to right center in the seventh averted a shutout for the visitors. Ball pitched a steady game, and only once was more than one hit made in an inning.

Kling's whip was in action twice, each time a Giant runner being caught asleep. Harris stole the only base on the former Cub, but a bad stop by Kling gave him the theft. The Kansas City team won four games out of six the team played in Chicago.

Score:

										R.	H.	E.
Leland Giants	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	*—6		5	4
Kansas City	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0—1		6	4

Two-base hits—Moore, Fraser. Stolen bases—Harris, Stehno (2). Struck out—By Ball, 9; by Fraser, 7. Bases on balls—Off Ball, 1; off Fraser, 4. Umpire—Goeckel.

WESTERN PRESS CONVENTION IN SESSION IN KANSAS CITY.

The thirteenth annual convention of the Western Negro Press Association held an interesting session in Allen Chapel, Kansas City, August 23 and 24.

The following officers were elected: John L. Thompson, Des Moines, Ia., president; A. J. Smitherman, Muskogee, Okla., vice president; John Bass, Helena, Mont., treasurer; J. Dallers Bowser, Kansas City, Mo., corresponding secretary; Mrs. Josephine Silome Yates, Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo., recording secretary; H. R. Graham, Quindaro, Kansas, chairman executive committee. Muskogee was selected as the next place of meeting.

WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US.

Crowley, La., June 8, 1909.

To the Editor: You will find enclosed money order for the renewal of my subscription, which please send this week, as I feel lost without The Freeman in my place.

Respectfully,
G. W. EASLEY.

CHICAGO UNION GIANTS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL TRIP

Lose Only Ten Games of Fifty-Six Played—Several Hard-Fought Contests in String of Victories.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Chicago Union Giants arrived home Saturday, September 11, after finishing a successful nine weeks' trip, which ended at Richmond, Ill. They were met and congratulated by Manager W. S. Peters over their successful trip. The team left Chicago July 20 and returned September 11, making a total of fifty-eight days of playing and 56 games, losing 10. The boys were proud when they were told that they had made the best winning trip that was ever made by the Chicago Unions. Captain James Shawler is proud of his team. Following are the scores for the season:

July 16: R. H. E.
Ft. Atkinson. 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 2 1— 6 10 1
Union Giants. 5 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 6—14 18 0
Lytle and Washington.

July 16: R. H. E.
Racine .... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 2 0
Union Giants.. 1 0 1 2 1 0 0 2 0—7 10 0
Snow and Washington.

July 18: R. H. E.
Rodgers Park. 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 3 0—6 7 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—1 6 8
Johnson and Washington.

July 19: R. H. E.
Felix Colts.... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1 2 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2—2 3 0
Lytle and Washington.

July 20, Huntley, Ill.: R. H. E.
Huntley ..... 0 0 2 0 1 0 2 0 1 —6 7 2
Union Giants. 3 0 0 4 0 2 0 2 0—11 22 0
Lytle and Washington.

July 21, Meringo, Ill.: R. H. E.
Meringo ...... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—1 3 0
Union Giants.. 1 0 0 2 0 0 1 0 0—4 10 0
B. Lyons and Washington.

July 22, Maquaketa, Iowa: R. H. E.
Maquaketa . 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—2 6 2
Union Giants1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 7 3
J. Lyons and Washington.

July 23: R. H. E.
Maquaketa ... 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 3—5 7 1
Union Giants.. 0 1 0 1 0 2 0 0 0—4 8 3
Hyde and Washington.

July 25, Buxon, Iowa: R. H. E.
Buxton ...... 3 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0—6 9 2
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1 4 8
B. Lyons and Washington.

July 26: R. H. E.
Buxton .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 2 1
Union Giants.. 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1—4 8 0
J. Lyons and Washington.

July 27, Albia, Iowa: R. H. E.
Albia .... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2 10 1
Union Giants.. 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—4 6 2
Lytle and Washington.

July 28, Hiteman, Iowa: R. H. E.
Hiteman ..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 1 1
Union Giants.. 1 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 0—4 11 2
J. Lyons and Washington.

July 29, Washington, Iowa: R. H. E.
Washington .. 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1 2 1
Union Giants.. 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 2—5 9 0
B. Lyons and Washington.

July 30, Portage, Wis.: R. H. E.
Portage ...... 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 0 0— 6 8 3
Union Giants. 5 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 4—13 16 2
Lytle and Washington.

July 31: R. H. E.
Portage ...... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 0 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 3 0 0 1 0 0—4 8 0
B. Lyons and Washington.

August 1, Merrill, Wis.: R. H. E.
Merrill .... 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—2 2 2
Union Giants.. 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—3 6 1
J. Lyons and Washington.

August 2: R. H. E.
Merrill .... 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 1—4 4 2
Union Giants.. 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 2—5 4 0
B. Lyons and Washington.

August 3, Antigo, Wis.: R. H. E.
Antigo ...... 5 0 0 2 0 2 0 3 0—12 14 3
Union Giants. 2 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 1— 6 8 2
Hyde and Washington.

August 4: R. H. E.
Antigo .... 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 5—7 3 3
Union Giants.. 3 0 3 0 0 0 3 0 0—9 16 10
B. Lyons and Washington.

August 5, Gillett, Wis.: R. H. E.
Gillett .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 3 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—1 5 0
Lytle and Washington.

August 6, Menasha, Wis.: R. H. E.
Menasha ..... 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—2 3 2
Union Giants.. 2 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—4 4 1
J. Lyons and Washington.

August 7, Oshkosh, Wis.: R. H. E.
Oshkosh ... 2 0 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 0—6 8 1
Union Giants0 0 1 0 0 5 0 0 0 1—7 9 1
Lytle and Washington.

August 8: R. H. E.
Oshkosh ..... 0 1 0 3 0 0 2 0 1— 7 9 3
Union Giants. 0 1 0 0 0 0 8 0 1—10 15 1
B. Lyons, J. Lyons and Washington.

August 9, Milwaukee, Wis.: R. H. E.
Milwaukee ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 0 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1 2 0
Lytle and Washington.

August 10: R. H. E.
Milwaukee .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 4 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 0—3 6 0
J. Lyons and Washington.

August 11, Edgerton, Wis.: R. H. E.
Janesville .... 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0—2 3 1
Union Giants.. 2 1 0 0 0 5 0 0 0—8 10 0
J. Lyons and Washington.

August 12, Harvard, Ill.: R. H. E.
Harvard ..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1—2 2 2
Union Giants.. 2 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 3—8 16 2
Hyde and Washington.

August 13, Edgerton, Wis.: R. H. E.
Edgerton ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 6 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0—3 3 2
Prior and Washington.

August 14, Rockford, Ill.: R. H. E.
Rockford ...... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 0 0
Union Giants.. 0 3 0 2 0 1 1 1 1—9 12 0
Lytle and Washington.

August 15, Sheboygan, Wis.: R. H. E.
Sheboygan ... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—1 4 1
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0—2 7 3
J. Lyons and Gordon.

August 16, Janesville, Wis.: R. H. E.
Janesville .... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 3 0
Union Giants.. 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—2 4 0
Lytle and Washington.

August 17: R. H. E.
Janesville .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 3 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1—3 4 0
J. Lyons and Washington.

August 18, Elkhorn, Wis.: R. H. E.
Elkhorn ...... 0 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 1—4 6 2
Union Giants.. 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 5—9 11 2
Hyde and Washington.

August 19, Sharon, Wis.: R. H. E.
Sharon .... 0 1 0 2 0 1 0 0 2—6 8 3
Union Giants.. 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 2—5 6 3
J. Lyons and Washington.

August 20, Rockford, Ill.: R. H. E.
Rockford ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 0 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1—3 5 0
Lytle and Washington.

August 21, Belvidere, Ill.: R. H. E.
Belvidere ..... 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0—3 4 3
Union Giants.. 0 2 0 2 0 0 1 0 1—6 12 2
Hyde and Washington.

August 22, Menasha, Wis.: R. H. E.
Menasha .... 2 0 1 0 5 0 2 0 1—11 12 4
Union Giants. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0— 1 4 5
Ramsey, J. Lyons and Washington.

August 24, Algoma, Wis.: R. H. E.
Algoma ...... 0 2 0 1 0 2 0 0 0—5 8 2
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—1 3 6
J. Lyons and Washington.

August 25, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.: R. H. E.
Sturgeon Bay.. 0 2 0 2 0 1 0 1 0—6 5 1
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 4—7 10 1
Lyons and Washington.

August 26, Peshtigo, Wis.: R. H. E.
Peshtigo .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0— 0 8 3
Union Giants. 0 1 0 4 0 5 0 1 1—12 15 1
Lytle and Washington.

August 27, Gillett, Wis.: R. H. E.
Gillett .... 2 0 1 0 3 0 0 2 0— 8 10 2
Union Giants. 0 1 0 5 0 1 0 2 1—10 14 1
Prior and Washington.

August 28, Two Rivers, Wis.: R. H. E.
Two Rivers... 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1—3 5 2
Union Giants.. 3 0 0 1 0 3 0 0 1—7 10 3
Lytle and Washington.

August 29, Sheboygan, Wis.: R. H. E.
eShboygan .... 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 1 0—4 8 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—1 7 3
Lyons and Washington.

August 30, Ripon, Wis.: R. H. E.
Ripon .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 5 0
Union Giants.. 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2 3 0
Lytle and Washington.

August 31, Oshkosh, Wis.: R. H. E.
Oshkosh ...... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 1 1
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0—2 3 0
J. Lyons and Washington.

August 31: R. H. E.
Oshkosh ...... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 3 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0—3 5 0
Hyde and Washington.

September 1, Watertown, Wis.: R. H. E.
Watertown ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 2 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 1 2—6 9 0
Prior and Washington.

September 2: R. H. E.
Watertown ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 6 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 3 0 0 2 0 1—6 8 0
Lytle and Washington.

September 3, Evansville, Wis.: R. H. E.
Evansville .... 2 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0—5 8 2
Union Giants.. 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 3 0—6 6 3
Lyons, Lytle and Washington.

September 4, Beloit, Wis.: R. H. E.
Beloit .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0—2 3 2
Union Giants0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1—3 7 3
Lyons and Washington.

September 5, Merrill, Wis.: R. H. E.
Merrill .... 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—3 6 2
Union Giants.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 5 3
Lytle and Washington.

September 6: R. H. E.
Merrill .... 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0—3 7 2
Union Giants.. 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 1 0—4 10 1
Lyons and Washington.

September 7, Lanark, Ill.: R. H. E.
Lanark ...... 0 0 2 0 1 0 1 2 0—6 8 2
Union Giants.. 4 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—9 10 3
Lytle, Hyde and Washington.

September 8, Forreston, Ill.: R. H. E.
Forreston .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 3 3
Union Giants.. 0 0 3 0 0 2 0 3 0—8 12 0
Hyde and Washington.

September 9, Forreston, Ill.—Rain.

September 10, Millidgeville, Ill. R. H. E.
Millidgeville, . 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0—2 3 1
Union Giants.. 2 0 3 0 3 0 0 0 0—8 12 0
Prior and Washington.

September 11, Richmond, Ill: R. H. E.
Richmond .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 2 0
Union Giants.. 0 0 3 0 1 0 1 0 4—9 16 0
Hyde and Washington.

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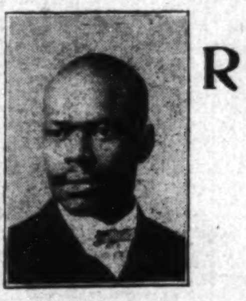

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CITY AND SOCIETY

Albert Booth has gone to Hampton to attend school.

Mrs. Lucy Philputt will visit next week at South Bend, Ind.

Mrs Bell Davis has returned from a week's visit to Louisville.

Mrs. Geneva Bullock is visiting at Chicago, Ill., and Niles, Mich.

Mrs. Clinton Minic is visiting her uncle, Alvin Allen, at Atchinson, Kan.

Mrs. M. E. Hill, of Lafayette, visited the family of C. A. Reed this week.

Mrs. Zora Plummer, of Omaha, Neb., will visit Mrs. Belle Davis shortly.

Mrs. Minnie Mosby, of Buffalo, N. Y., came to attend the funeral of Marmon Reese.

Mrs. T. E. Smith has returned from Muncie, Ind., where she visited Mrs. Alex Price.

Capt. T. A. Byrd of Davenport, Ia., was the guest of his son Charles the first of the week.

The mother of Drs. J. W. and J. R. Norrell, of Frankfort, Ky., is visiting them in this city.

"The "Bachelors" have issued invitations to its series of "hops" for the coming fall and winter.

Dr. James B. Williams, of Chicago, is the guest of Miss Willard Webber in East Seventeenth street.

Mesdames Cora B. Jackson and Arlantha Goens attended the A. M. E. Conference at Muncie Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Phillips was called to the city from Culver, Ind., by the death of her brother, Marion Reese.

The Baptist State Sunday School convention met in this city at Shiloh Baptist church, September 21-22.

Thomas E. Taylor, General secretary of the Colored Y. M. C. A. was a speaker at Terre Haute, Emancipation Day.

Oscar P. Tyree, formerly of this city, but now of East St. Louis, Ill., is here for a few days, the guest of his parents.

The widow of the late noble venable died last week of tuberculosis. Her funeral was held Friday at Jones Tabernacle.

Miss Viola Barrett, who has been visiting her friend, Miss Annie Cornelius, in Chicago, for four weeks, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Blackburn, of Chicago, spent a few days this week with Mrs. Eliza Lewis, on her way to Lexington and Versailles, Ky.

Mrs. Martha Morgan, mother-in-law, and Miss Mary Mosby, a sister-in-law, attended the funeral of Mr. Marion Reese, in this city, Tuesday.

"David, the Sheperd Boy" will be given at Caleb Mills Hall, October 6, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., for the benefit of the association.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Berry, of Brownsville, Tenn., was called to the city by the death of her son, Marimon Reese, which occurred in this city last Sunday.

Mr. J. Wesley Bridges entertained his aunt, Mrs. Jenny Wayne, of Chicago, at dinner Friday evening, Sept. 17, at his residence, 1509 Arsenal avenue.

Mrs Belle Newby, formerly of this city, now living at Chicago with her nephew, Lawrence Stewart, are visiting friends in the city at 601 Dorman street.

Dr. W. H. Weaver, of Atlanta, Ga., will speak next Sabbath at 3 p. m., in the auditorium of the Robt. Gould Shaw School. The public is invited.

Services at the Metropolitan Baptist Church Sunday, September 25: Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Dr. Payne, subject, "Suffering and Glorification."

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor, formerly of 820 Superior street, left Tuesday morning for Jamestown, Ohio. They will make this their future home. A few friends surprised them at their sister's home, Mrs. Samuel Parker, at 533 W. 13th street.

A meeting of the executive board of the ministers who will conduct the evangelical campaign, to be opened October 18, was held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Tuesday to further the arrangements for the coming meeting.

The Dressmaker's Relief Club will give an entertainment at the Second Baptist church Thursday evening, September 30. Mrs. Asenath Artis, state organizer of the Indiana Federation of Colored Woman's clubs, will address the meeting.

Prof. G. L. Prince, president of the Baptist University of the State of Oklahoma, located at Muskogee, spent Sunday in the city, the guest of his brother, Rev. B. J. Prince. Prof. Prince preached at the Second Baptist church Sunday morning. He left for his home Tuesday evening.

The Revs. H. J. Callis, Jones Tabernacle; J. T. Fenderson, Haughville; J. H. Davis, Walter's Chapel; W. J. Winfield, Norwood; W. S. Avery, North Indianapolis, left Tuesday evening for Duquoin, Ill., to attend the A. M. E. Zion annual conference. Bishop G. W. Blackwell will preside over the conference.

The Rev. O. Singleton, of Louisville, who is the originator for finding homes for orphan boys and girls which he is trying to make a national effort, will preach at the Witherspoon United Presbyterian church tomorrow evening. Rev. Singleton was once president of the Christian Bible School at Louisville.

Mrs. Minnie Buruham, of Chicago, who formerly was Miss Minnie Jones, of this city, died at Chicago, a few days ago. Her remains were brought to this city for burial. The funeral was held at the home of her brother, J. Jones, last Tuesday. Her husband and a sister, Miss Daisy Jones, accompanied the remains to this city. The Revs. J. C. Patton and G. C. Sampson officiated.

Mrs. G. W. Snipes entertained on last Thursday at a five course dinner, in honor of Mrs. Lizzie H. Foster of Cincinnati. Covers were laid for ten.

The following ladies were present: Mrs. Mary Keebles, Mrs. Elizabeth Harrod, Mrs. Mary Cauley, Mrs. Martha Galloway, Mrs. Harry Oglesby, Mrs. Carrie Galloway, Mrs. Annie Underwood, Mrs. Savannah Taylor, Miss Carlina Galloway, and Mrs. Foster. Sweet music was rendered throughout the evening by Miss Blanche Montegue.

The East End Needl eClub met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Ada Goins. The following officers were elected for the year:

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A WELL-KNOWN HOTEL WAITER DIES.

George Marimon Reese, among the widely known hotel waiters of the city, died at his home, 722 Center street, Indianapolis, Sunday, September 19th, at the age of 44 years. He was born at Henderson, Texas, but had lived in the North a number of years. He had traveled extensively and had given hotel service in many parts of the country. He was at one time headwaiter at the Columbia Club in his city and was employed at the Denison House Cafe in this city when he was taken ill eight months ago. He married in 1891 at Omaha, Neb., Miss Rosetta Mosby, by whom he had one daughter. He was a member of the Summer League and was much loved by a large circle of friends. He professed a hope in Christ shortly before his death. His funeral took place Tuesday at his late home in the presence of many relatives and friends. The Rev. R. D. Leonard officiated.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH.

With the close of the A. M. E. Conference, just finished at Muncie, Bishop O. T. Shaffer announced the following appointments:

Evansville District—Presiding elder, R. J. M. Long; Evansville station, Evansville, J. F. Pettiford; Allen Chapel, Terre Haute, W. H. Giles; Spruce Street Church, Terre Haute, J. R. Harvey; New Albany, F. P. Baker; Washington, J. A. Sherman; Vincennes, R. H. Williamson; Bloomington, W. I. Roberts; Princeton, J. A. Barbee; Mt. Vernon, T. J. White; Jeffersonville, J. C. Gaskins; Charlestown, G. F. Crossland; Corydon and Collins circuit, William H. Kelley; Madison and Hanover Chapel, D. G. Luallen; Spencer and Bloomfield Chapel, A. Tiller; Bedford, Seymour and French Lick, C. W. Simms; Mitchell Mission, to be supplied; Petersburg and Oakland City, W. A. Grant; Brewer Hill Mission, to be supplied; Shutland Mission, to be supplied; Lyles, J. L. Bishop.

Richmond District—Presiding elder, Charles Hunter; Richmond station, Richmond, J. M. Townsend; Allen Chapel, Indianapolis, G. C. Sampson; Bethel Marion station, G. H. Shaffer; Allen Temple, Marion, H. C. Moorman; Muncie station, Martin Coleman; Kokomo, W. C. Irvin; Franklin, C. E. Hardiman; Anderson, V. Kirk; Portland, P. H. Lewis; Hill Chapel and Fairmount circuit, to be supplied; Dublin, Connersville and Cambridge City Circuit, C. A. D. Evans; Carthage, to be supplied; Cabin Creek and Fountain City, John T. Taylor; Wayman Chapel Mission, Indianapolis, to be supplied; Greensburg and Columbus circuit, C. P. Smith; Alexandria Mission, J. M. Nichols.

Indianapolis District—Presiding elder, Morris Lewis; St. Paul Temple, Indianapolis, B. J. Coleman; Bethel Church, Indianapolis, to be supplied; Lafayette, M. W. Sparks; Noblesville, C. H. Jackson; Rockville station, L. W. Ratliff; Crawfordsville, D. R. Ampey; Logansport, J. L. Craven; Frankfort, M. V. Saunders; Plainfield, G. H. White; Greencastle, A. E. Taylor; Thorntown and Lebanon circuits, J. I. Hill; Brazil and Lost Creek circuit, T. W. Daniels; Danville Mission, Alex McCully; Peru, to be supplied; Clinton, J. F. Tuggle.

Transferred Out of State—Noah Williams, to North Missouri conference; J. J. Evans, to Illinois conference; J. G. P. Wallace, to Michigan conference.

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